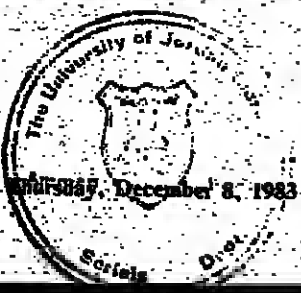


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Lebanese FM goes to Damascus today

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post-Middle East Affairs Reporter
and agencies

Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem is due to visit Damascus today for talks with his Syrian counterpart Abdul Halim Khaddam in the resumption of Lebanon's national reconciliation talks in Geneva.

The talks were suspended last month to enable Lebanese President Amin Gemayel to find a way out of the impasse engendered by Syria's resolute opposition to last year's Lebanese-Israeli agreement.

But Gemayel was informed in Washington last week that the U.S. still stands firmly behind the pact it helped achieve, leaving him with the choice of stalling opposition to the pact or giving up on the Americans and rowing in his lot with the Syrians.

There was no indication last night at a final decision was taken at yesterday's cabinet meeting in Beirut, at which Gemayel briefed his government on the results of his trip to Washington.

Accordingly, Salem's talks with Khaddam in Damascus today will apparently be intended to review a possible resumption of the reconciliation talks in view of the American position, and to explore any possible softening in the Syrian position.

On the latter score, Salem is likely to be disappointed, with Syria's

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Farouk Sharaf, telling journalists in Damascus yesterday that, if anything, the resumption of the Geneva talks would now be more difficult than ever because of two new considerations: "Firstly, the strategic cooperation agreement between Israel and the U.S., and secondly, (last Monday's) American air raid" on Syrian positions.

Meanwhile, Gemayel managed to avoid a domestic crisis by persuading Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan to once again agree to a deferment on the resignation he tendered last September.

Wazzan, who has served as prime minister since October, 1980, offered to resign to make way for a national coalition cabinet to steer Lebanon out of eight years of civil warfare.

He said at yesterday's cabinet session that the time had come for the president to accept the resignation and form a new government.

But Gemayel again asked him to remain in office, promising to launch nationwide consultations on the formation of a broad-based coalition government "soon." Wazzan agreed to stay on.

Gemayel has scheduled a two-day visit to Britain on Monday for talks with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on the future of the multinational peace-keeping force in Beirut, Foreign Ministry sources said.



A Haifa pedestrian gestures during yesterday's downpour, which flooded low-lying sections of the city and caused several minor road accidents. Rain also fell in the Galilee, where one Beduin shepherd said: "It is a blessing from Allah to us and our children." (Israel Sun)

Shamir tells Knesset committee:

'Emphasis today on deterring Syria'

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post-Knesset Correspondent

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said yesterday that the strategic memorandum which Israel and the U.S. negotiated in 1981 "differed in its emphasis" from the understandings which he and Defense Minister Moshe Arens reached in Washington last month.

Shamir told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee that in 1981 the stress was put on deterring the Soviet Union, while this time the stress was on cooperation deterring Syria and countering the Syrian threat.

Shamir said there was no talk in Washington of war against anybody or of plans for war against anybody. "On the contrary, we merely discussed the need to defuse and stabilize the situation in Lebanon," he said.

"What happened to Lebanon after our visit was not the result of our discussions but perhaps merely one more illustration of the situation there," he told the committee.

He said the visit to Washington took place in a particularly favorable context in which the U.S. was disenchanted with the

Arab world. The U.S. was disappointed that Jordan could not accept the Reagan plan, that Egypt broke its promise to send its ambassador back to Tel Aviv and restore normal relations, that Saudi Arabia was incapable of influencing Syria, and that Iraq was embroiled in its insane war with Iran.

Artyeh Rubinstein adds:

The premier yesterday told the Knesset plenum that the talks in Washington were designed to organize and unite the capability and the desire of the two countries to overcome the forces of destruction in the area and to arrive at constructive and logical solutions. Shamir described as "ridiculous" (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Reagan reassures Mubarak on policy

CAIRO (Reuters). — President Ronald Reagan has told Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak that a new U.S.-Israel strategic cooperation agreement is not aimed against the Arabs and that America's quest for Middle East peace continues, Egyptian officials said yesterday.

They said Reagan, in a letter to Mubarak, said Sunday's U.S. air raids on Syrian army positions in Lebanon were not a by-product of the accord concluded in Washington last week with visiting Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Mubarak yesterday received the credentials of a new U.S. ambassador, Nicholas Veliotes, as the U.S. moved to soothe ruffled Egyptian

feelings over the accord with Israel.

The Egyptian officials said that Reagan's letter told Mubarak there was no change in U.S. Middle East policy.

It said Reagan remained committed to his September 1982 Middle East peace plan and to building strong relations with Arab states.

Nor was there anything new in U.S.-Israel relations. U.S. policy towards Israel was clear in its concern to ensure the security of the Jewish state but this did not detract from the U.S. commitment to a Middle East solution, the officials quoted Reagan's letter as saying.

Bombs, rockets rain down on E. Beirut

BEIRUT (AP). — Local radio stations broadcast pleas for blood donations and appeals to people to stay indoors as bombs and rockets showered residential neighborhoods in Christian East Beirut in a sustained barrage at sundown yesterday.

Police said two civilians were killed and 16 suffered shrapnel wounds in the escalated bombardment that capped sporadic exchanges during the day between Lebanese Army gunners and Druse positions in the hills above the U.S. Marine base at Beirut's international airport.

Shamir: Bus bombing shows PLO 'moderation'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said in the Knesset yesterday that the terrorist bombing of a Jerusalem bus had demonstrated for all the world to see the "moderation" and "renunciation of violence" of the PLO.

Replying to the debate on his statement Monday on his talks with President Ronald Reagan, Shamir said that, unfortunately, even after yesterday's act of terrorism, many in the West would continue to believe

lies about the supposed shift to moderation on the part of Yasser Arafat and his comrades.

"We have not deluded ourselves, and we shall not delude ourselves for even a moment," Shamir said. "We know these enemies of ours, pursued by abysmal hatred and filled with lust for murder. They will not turn from their criminal ways. Our hand will reach them and we shall hit them until this atrocious evil disappears from the land."

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Y. Bank leaders condemn terror attack

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Five leading West Bank figures, five of them openly associated with the PLO, last night published a statement condemning Tuesday's bus attack in Jerusalem. The statement was signed by the chairman of the East Jerusalem Electric Company, Awar Nusheh; the deposed mayors of Jaffa, Karim Khalaf, and of Sbron, Mustafa Natshe, and the publisher and editor of the East Jerusalem Arabic Daily al-Fajr, al-Ajlouni and Hanaa Seniora.

"It is our belief that attacks on Palestinian targets are detrimental to the Palestinian-Israeli understanding," the statement says. "Such as, he they in Jerusalem, in Ein

Hilwe, or in Nabulus, are to be regretted. Violence against civilians, carried out by either side, is counterproductive to a just solution to the Israeli-Palestinian problem."

The signatories also state that they are convinced that the attack could not have been carried out by the PLO "since it contradicts the current political trend of its legitimate leadership."

Apart from al-Fajr, East Jerusalem newspapers were not informed officially of the statement and were unsure last night whether they were going to publish it.

The statement was apparently drawn up together with representatives of the left-wing Israeli group New Outlook.

Arens: Syrian army as big as IDF

By AARON SITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

In terms of manpower, Syria's army is now on par with the Israeli Defense Forces, and the Moscow-Damascus arms pipeline is operating at an unprecedented rate, Defense Minister Moshe Arens said yesterday.

Addressing a luncheon meeting of the Federation of Contractors and Builders' convention in Jerusalem, Arens declared: "We are spending 25 per cent of our gross national product on defense, which is probably a world record. Yet, this will continue because we must keep pace with the arms buildup in the Arab states. And when I say Arab states, I mean not only the rich ones, like Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, but also the less affluent ones — Syria and Jordan."

"Syria's regular army has grown

in numbers and is equal to our own army in the manpower it can muster. What is more, Soviet armaments are being delivered to Syria in record quantities. Therefore, we must continue allocating a quarter — or even a third — of our GNP for security purposes. And we must do so even if it requires cutting back on such vital needs as housing, education and health care. Defense spending, after all, is for the sake of life itself."

On Lebanon, Arens said Israel "cannot build a solid dividing wall running from Metulla to Rosh Hanikra, and say to itself, 'Let the various Lebanese factions, and the PLO and Syrians too, kill each other while we mind our own business on this side of the wall' because it just won't work out that way."

Nor, he added, can Israel adopt

the "just-hand-it-over-to-Haddad attitude" because of the facts of life in the area between the northern border and the Awali River. "The most relevant reality is that there are about a million people there, and most of them are Shiites. It is not easy to establish dependable forces among these people, to maintain the peace in South Lebanon and secure Galilee. That's why we are still in Lebanon."

Reiterating that Israel's only aim in Lebanon is to secure its northern population centres, Arens said the ideal solution would be extension of the Lebanese government's authority — effectively — to South Lebanon. However, the Gemayel government was still too weak to do so, he said, and therefore Israel had no choice but to maintain its forces at the Awali line.

Dockers stall on court order, food flown out

Agriculture produce is being flown to Europe at the rate of about 700 tons a day in a concerted effort by CAL, El Al and Agrexco, as stevedores in Ashdod and Haifa ports yesterday began work at a rate closer to, but apparently still not up to, normal.

Three jumbo jets being loaded yesterday at Ben-Gurion Airport were expected to match Tuesday's 700-ton figure, and another plane was being readied last night. Agrexco officials said that loading facilities are equipped to handle even more produce, and can operate 24 hours a day if enough planes are found.

El Al is reportedly charging 15 to 30 per cent less than the going air freight rate for produce, to light the urgency of the matter and its importance to the national economy.

In Ashdod and Haifa, stevedores did not resume full work, in defiance of a labour court order issued on Tuesday.

Port works committees informed the stevedores of the order and told them to resume normal work, but they still loaded only about 50 per cent of normal tonnage, up slightly from the 30 per cent they handled during nine previous days of declared go-slow. The men said only that they were "doing what we can."

Due to heavy rain in Haifa, which washed out a lot of the working time, it was impossible to gauge the exact rate of work at the port.

The Port Authority spokesman said that if it is established that the men were not carrying out the spirit as well as the letter of the court order, the management will consider steps to ensure full operation of the ports. Another appeal to the court on a non-compliance complaint is one possibility, he said.

But other officials opined that court orders cannot solve the problem against the men's will. "The court can order workers back to their jobs but cannot make them (Continued on Page 7)

Levy challenges Shamir on foreign affairs post

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEIT SHEAN. — Deputy Prime Minister David Levy said here yesterday that an understanding exists between him and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir that he will be the next foreign minister.

"There are those calling themselves the prime minister's close aides who are doing all they can to disclaim such an understanding. If they are speaking in his name, then the prime minister must pay attention as well to relationships between colleagues and good behaviour within the government," he said.

Levy added that if Shamir does not clarify the matter, he will "draw conclusions... and then everyone will choose his own path."

"I am not in a situation in which one is giving and the other is waiting to be given. Not at all," Levy said. "We act together and will continue to do so."

One hundred killed as jets collide at Madrid airport



Two Israelis, Osnat Berkovich, 35, of Hanita, and Avi Allon, 50, of Herzliya, sit in a Madrid hospital waiting room before being treated for scratches they received in yesterday's Madrid airport plane collision. (UPI telephoto)

MADRID (Reuters). — About 100 people, many of them Japanese tourists, were killed yesterday when two Spanish airliners collided in thick fog in Madrid's second crash in less than two weeks, airline officials said.

A Rome-bound Boeing 727 of the national airline, Iberia, was taking

off when a DC-9 of the domestic company Aviaco crossed its path on the main runway, airport officials said.

The DC-9's fuel tanks exploded and fire broke out.

Carlos Espinosa, the president of both airlines, said all 37 passengers (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

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FRANKFURT	2 38	4	39	Snow
GENEVA	5 23	1	30	Cloudy
HELSINKI	2 28	2	38	Clear
HONG KONG	17 63	23	73	Clear
JOHANNESBURG	14 57	15	59	Rain
LONDON	8 43	12	54	Fog
LONDON	2 38	6	43	Clear
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MONTREAL	2 28	2	38	Snow
NEW YORK	7 45	13	55	Cloudy
OSLO	3 27	2	38	Clear
PARIS	2 28	2	38	Clear
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	Humidity	Min-Max	Min-Max
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Golan	90	11-14	15
Nahariya	79	11-20	30
Safed	93	9-12	14
Haifa Port	66	17-19	19
Tiberias	75	14-22	22
Nazareth	74	14-20	22
Afula	74	14-20	22
Shomron	67	14-20	20
Tel Aviv	63	14-20	20
B-G Airport	72	18-21	21
Jericho	78	18-23	23
Gaza	74	18-20	21
Be'er Sheva	57	13-20	21
Eilat	33	14-26	27

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

West German Ambassador Niels Hansen yesterday presented medals of honor to two policemen, Yosef Shimonovitz and Sa'ad Hamawi, who have served as guards at the ambassadorial residence in Herzliya Pituah for 18 and 16 years, respectively.

EMPHASIS

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the accusations and suspicions that in Washington Israel had relinquished its national independence and turned into a satellite of the U.S. Israel, he said, has persistently avoided entangling alliances and, in a world where almost every nation belongs to some group of states, Israel was one of the few that — for reasons not of its making — belonged to no such group.

Shamir said that the U.S. and Israel had simply reached the conclusion that they have a common interest in solving the problem of Lebanon, in standing together against Syria and that they should act in concert.

Israel could not ignore Syria's alliance with certain terrorist groups, which it is permitting to act against Israel from Lebanon, and its pressure on Lebanon to cancel its agreement with Israel.

For this reason, Israel had now agreed with the U.S. to cooperate in order to deter the Syrian threat. The coalition draft resolution, declaring that the Knesset "takes note of" the prime minister's statement on Monday and his reply yesterday, passed by a vote of 46-43.

100 KILLED

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and five crew aboard the Aviacon plane were killed. The Iberia plane was carrying 84 passengers, including about 40 Japanese tourists, and nine crew.

He told an airport news conference at least 23 passengers and eight crew had survived the crash which occurred 10 days after a Boeing 747 of the Colombian airline Avianca crashed on its approach to Madrid's Barajas Airport, killing 181 people.

Among the survivors were two Israelis, Osnat Bercovich, 35, of Hania, in Upper Galilee, and Avi Alon, 50, of Herzliya.

Transport Minister Enrique Baron said the number of survivors could be as high as 40, some of whom had been unhurt and were not taken to hospital.

Reuter correspondent Susao Roberts reported from the scene that the Aviacon plane was almost totally destroyed. "There were just bits and pieces," she said.

Further along the runway the burnt-out hulk of the Iberia plane was still smoking. Only the engines and tails of the two aircraft were recognizable, she said.

Espinosa said the airport was open to traffic at the time of the crash and an official weather report put visibility at 300 metres. Some flights had been diverted because of the fog.

Iberia Flight 350 was cleared for takeoff while the Aviacon plane had been told to start its takeoff approach, he said.

An Italian passenger who survived said the Iberia pilot told him after the collision that he had no time to maneuver when he saw the DC-9 taxiing across the runway in front of him.

Officials said the Iberia Boeing 727 was moving at about 300 kph when it hit the Aviacon plane.

Another survivor said the Iberia plane was already in the air when the crash occurred.

HOME NEWS

Defence Ministry source:

'Israel may consider unilateral withdrawal'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel would consider further unilateral withdrawals in Lebanon, especially in the western sector, on condition the Lebanese government extended its control to these areas, a senior Defence Ministry source indicated yesterday.

This view is apparently shared by the American government, which agrees that once the central government in Beirut has established its sovereignty over all the area not currently controlled by Syria, it will be in a better position to demand a Syrian withdrawal.

"The Beirut government lacks the image of legitimacy," the source said.

Nonetheless, it remained unclear whether Israel and America has agreed to use force if necessary to encourage a Syrian withdrawal. The agreement reached last week between Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Defence Minister Moshe Arens and President Ronald Reagan was described as "viewing the problems similarly although not identically."

One example of cooperation mentioned was the encouragement of an understanding between the Druse in the Shouf mountains and the government of Amin Jemayel in Beirut. "Israel has contacts and some influence with the Druse while the Americans have contacts and influence with the central government," the source noted.

There is no time-table for further withdrawals in southern Lebanon

and these are contingent on the central government sending its army down to the area, or to the slow and far more difficult process of creating local militias along the lines of Major Sa'ad Haddad's forces along Israel's border.

Nor is there any tactical military coordination between Israel and the American forces active in the area. The recent air strikes were decided on independently and the only coordination involves both air forces informing each other when their planes take off, for reasons of air-traffic control.

Israel's air strikes at terrorist targets in the Syrian-controlled areas of Lebanon, are meant to destroy the bases from which many of the attacks on IDF personnel in the south originate. But the raids are also messages to the Druse and the Syrians to either remove or restrain the PLO forces in their areas of control.

The source stated that there was no clear evidence regarding Syrian President Hafez Assad's state of health, but there has also been no indication that his absence from the scene has in any way affected government in the country as far as Israel is concerned.

Questioned about new policies the government is said to be considering to bolster law and order in the territories, the source said Israel was engaged in an ongoing battle that had been part of the scene for the past 16 years and would not disappear tomorrow.

Rome unlikely to quit MNF despite pressure: Ben-Meir

Post Diplomatic Correspondent and Agencies

The Italian government is unlikely to pull its troops out of the Multi-National Force in Lebanon despite increasing public pressure to do so. This was the impression Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir received yesterday after meeting with Italy's Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti in Rome.

Ben-Meir was in Italy as head of a delegation to a bilateral economic commission.

Ben-Meir reported back to Jerusalem yesterday that he had argued to the Italian statesman that to withdraw the contingent would be "the wrong signal" to give to "the forces opposed to peace in Lebanon." It was very important, that the Italian unit stay put, Ben-Meir said.

The force comprises U.S. Marines, and Italian, French and British troops. In Britain there is also growing public pressure to bring the soldiers home.

U.S. special Middle East envoy Donald Rumsfeld flew to London yesterday for talks with British of-

ficials on the issue.

Britain's role was to be debated later yesterday in Parliament, where the opposition Labour Party has called for Britain to withdraw its 100-plus soldiers.

In Rome, Italy's nine-man inner cabinet yesterday discussed the rising violence affecting the force in Lebanon and called for a strengthened role for the UN there. Andreotti, at his meeting with Ben-Meir, said he was pleased at the progress made in their economic talks, and hoped closer political ties would result from his planned visit to Jerusalem soon.

The economic commission resolved that there would be special talks on tourism, held in Israel during 1984. Both countries are interested in offering overseas visitors a tourism package embracing both Rome and Jerusalem.

The Italians also gave assurances that there would be consultations between the European Economic Community and Israel before Spain accedes to the community. Israel is concerned about the effect of Spain's entry on its own agricultural exports to Europe.

Bonn bans neo-Nazi party

BOON (AP). — West German Interior Minister Friedrich Zimmermann yesterday banned the country's largest neo-Nazi party, saying "rightwing extremist actions can no longer be passively accepted."

The ban against the 270-member Action Front National Socialist-Nationalist Activists would take effect immediately, Zimmermann said in a statement.

"Execution of the party ban — apartment searches and the confiscation of the party funds — is being conducted by the state authorities responsible since early this morning," he said.

The party, founded in 1977, last made headlines November 6 when police temporarily detained 35 of 85 persons who had gathered in the backroom of a Munich inn.

They had planned to march through Munich's streets to com-

memorate Kristallnacht, November 9, 1938, when Nazi storm troopers had smashed Jewish homes and shops and set alight synagogues throughout the country.

The party also planned to celebrate Adolf Hitler's abortive 1923 Munich putsch with the march, despite a police ban against it.

The party's members are spread across 32 communities in nine West German states.

Zimmermann said notice of the ban was served to party leader Michael Kuehn, a former lieutenant in the West German armed forces who has said he considers himself to be the successor of "the Fuehrer."

Kuehn, 28, was sentenced to four years in prison in 1979 after a court found him guilty of spreading Nazi ideology and inciting racial hatred.

Bank Leumi's top officials agree to one-year pay cut

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Forty senior officials in Bank Leumi Le-Israel yesterday agreed to a voluntary pay cut ranging from 12 per cent, for the lowest-ranking official, to 20 per cent for the highest (chief executive officer Ernest Japhet).

In addition, those members of the board of directors who are paid only for each board meeting, agreed to a 25 per cent cut.

The cuts are to be effective for one year, starting January 1, 1984.

The bank said the officials were reducing their salaries not only as a step in trimming expenses in line with the country's economic situation, but also to set a personal example.

The bank workers' committee announced recently that it would not agree to any pay cut. Other large banks have not taken any such decision, although all said they were considering such a move.

Bank Hapoalim circles pointed out that its senior officials get the lowest pay of any banking group. First International sources said their banks "had never played any games with bank shares so there was no reason for us to be the first or second in considering a cut."

It has been learned that Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad recently asked all senior bank officials to cut their salaries in order to set examples to other highly paid executives. (MKs criticize — P. 3)

Grenade explosion wounds 3 in Haifa

By DAVID RUDGE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Three women shoppers were wounded when a hand grenade exploded at a fruit and vegetable stall outside the covered section of the Talpiot Market in the Hadar Hacarmel quarter yesterday afternoon. A 42-year-old man was arrested last night in connection with the incident and police said further arrests were likely.

The wounded were taken to Rambam Hospital where their con-

ditions were not reported to be serious.

Police said the attack appeared to be the result of an underworld feud. The market was crowded with hundreds of shoppers at the time of the blast at about 12.45 p.m.

In Upper Afula, several suspects were arrested after a grenade was thrown yesterday evening in the business district. Two persons were slightly wounded.

Police said the incident was linked to criminal activities.



Photo taken from Syrian television shows an Israeli drone aircraft used for reconnaissance missions after it was downed in eastern Lebanon on Tuesday.

Moslem Council to rule on E. J'lem bus station

By MICHAEL EILAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Moslem Council will decide the fate of the East Jerusalem bus station and whether to accede to municipal requests to move the station to another site near Damascus Gate.

The Jerusalem municipality has been negotiating with the Wakf over moving the station, which is now on land owned by the Islamic trust between the Gardeu Tomb and the Old City walls. But Hassao Tahbub, head of the Wakf, said that the matter will be settled by the superior body, the Moslem Council.

The city wants to move the station as part of a major redevelopment plan along what is called the "seam" — the line of the pre-1967 border. The station leased its present site from the Wakf 30 years ago. Before that time, the East Jerusalem municipality leased the land for the existing station from the Wakf, and this lease has now lapsed. The city wants to build a park at the

site of the present station, behind the Garden Tomb, and has received donations from Christian fundamentalists for this purpose.

Municipal sources said that the Wakf wants the land to be used also for shops to expand the sorely pressed East Jerusalem central business district. But Tahbub said that the Wakf has not yet decided what to do with the land and is referring the matter to the Moslem Council. He added that the Wakf has asked the city for a detailed written report on its intentions for the existing bus station land.

East Jerusalem sources said yesterday that Wakf officials plan to submit a formal document to the city stating the Wakf's intentions regarding the bus station land. But municipal officials have not been pressing the Wakf ever since he denied original reports that it had agreed to move the station. The officials now hope that the Wakf will agree to a move following quiet negotiations.

Festival almost cancelled by news of Spanish crash

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The crash of a Spanish airliner in Madrid yesterday had local implications as a Spanish Festival at the Tel Aviv Hilton, was almost cancelled.

The festival, sponsored by the Spanish Ministry of Transport, Tourism and Communications, Iberia (the Spanish national airline) and the Hiltons in Israel, had been seen by many as the most concrete expression to date of the Spanish government's desire for official cooperation with Israel.

Earlier this week, the director of tourism, development and promotion in the ministry had noted the

importance of the fact that the festival would be held in Jerusalem, as well as Tel Aviv.

But last night, following the news of the crash, Iberia immediately announced that it would have to cancel its participation in the event.

After extended consultation with Madrid, the representatives of the ministry said that the Spanish participants — flamenco dancers, student singers in medieval garb and a professional wine pourer — could continue their participation in the event.

The festival is due to continue on Tel Aviv through Saturday night and will move on Sunday night to the Jerusalem Hilton.

Two-week deadline set for PLO evacuation of Tripoli

DAMASCUS. — Tripoli's elder statesman Rashid Karamah said that a two-week countdown to the withdrawal of Yasser Arafat and his Palestinian fighters from the city began yesterday.

The two-week withdrawal period was stipulated in a Saudi-Syrian peace package concluded on November 25 for ending fighting between rebels and fighters loyal to PLO leader Arafat.

Final details were left to be worked out by Karamah, a former Lebanese prime minister, and a committee of Tripoli's factional leaders.

Karamah told reporters he had notified Arafat and Nimr Saleh, a rebel leader, of final arrangements for the withdrawal of Palestinian fighters "from Tripoli and its environs."

In Athens, a Greek government spokesman confirmed yesterday that the Palestine Liberation Organization has chartered four Greek passenger ships to evacuate Arafat and 4,000 loyalist fighters from Tripoli.

Shipping sources in the port of Piraeus said the first ship was due to leave yesterday for Tripoli, to begin the embarkation tomorrow.

Government spokesman Sotiris Kostopoulos said the ferries, chartered by the Greek Ministry of Merchant Marine, would take the Palestinian fighters to North Yemen and Tunis. He said the ships would fly both Greek and UN flags.

The entire operation will take place under the supervision of UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, the spokesman said.

Syria hands over body of U.S. pilot

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Syrian forces in Lebanon yesterday handed over the body of U.S. airman Mark Lange, whose A-6 bomber was shot down over Syrian-held territory on Sunday.

They gave the body to the Lebanese Army to pass on to the U.S. Marine contingent in Beirut. Lange's plane was hit by a Syrian shoulder-held SAM-7 while on a raid against Syrian positions in Lebanon's central mountains and crashed near the mountain village of Kfar Salwan, 25 kilometres east

of Beirut.

The other U.S. airman in the plane, Robert Goodman, bailed out and was captured by Syrian forces. Syria has said it will release him when U.S. forces have left Lebanon.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman in Beirut said the body of Lange, 26, would be flown back to the U.S.

Political sources in Damascus said the early hand-over was a conciliatory gesture towards the U.S. at a time of growing tension between U.S. and Syrian forces in Lebanon.

Four victims of bus blast laid to rest

Four victims of Tuesday's bus bomb were buried in Jerusalem's Har Hamenuhot cemetery yesterday.

Some 200 relatives and friends attended the funeral of Esther (Etti) Ad. 11. Etti's mother fainted several times during the ceremony. Flowers from President Chaim Herzog, Etti's schoolmates, the Knesset, the government and the city of Jerusalem were placed on the grave. Minister-without-Portfolio Mordechai Ben-Porat, who spoke at the funeral, said, referring to the terrorists who planted the bomb, that "we have to ask ourselves whether Israel's humanitarianism is suitable for these beasts of prey, these beasts in human form."

At the same time, in another part of the cemetery, Nurit Pollack, 14, was being buried. Several hundred mourners were in attendance at the funeral. Nurit's sister, Etti, 16, was also injured in the explosion and is hospitalized in critical condition.

The third funeral was that of retired policeman Yehuda Kaplan, 77. Transport Minister Haim Corfu attended the ceremony.

Laszlo Damski, 50, was last to be buried. Damski was born in Germany, came to Israel eight years ago, and had no family in the country. Minister of Science and Development Yuval Ne'eman was at the funeral. (Itim)

BUS BOMBING

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Shamir said Tuesday's bombing had shown once again the necessity for all the forces of peace and stability in the world to stand united against the waves of hatred and murder in this region that threaten to destroy any chance of peace and tranquility.

Robert Rosenberg adds:

Nineteen persons were still hospitalized yesterday at Shaare Zedek Hospital, as a result of the bus bombing, with two of them in critical condition. Nine persons remained at Hadassah Hospital in Ein Kerem, where 15-year-old Esther Pollack was listed in critical condition after undergoing brain surgery. Her 14-year-old sister Nurit was killed in the explosion.

The fourth person killed in the explosion was identified as Laszlo Damski, 50, of Kiryat Yovel.

A Jerusalem police officer blamed an "unhappy public" and "overcrowded buses" for the failure to prevent the bombing.

He said that the Egged practice of filling buses to standing room only makes it difficult for passengers to keep an eye out for suspicious objects.

He added, however, that Jerusalemites — and citizens elsewhere in the country — should do their best under all circumstances to pay attention to their surroundings when they are in public places.

"When a bus is so full that it's impossible to turn around, let alone bend over to glance under a seat, it's a real dangerous situation," said the officer.

At the Russian Compound, the police are holding four suspects.

Exports down 11% in Nov.

By AVI TEMKIN

Post Economic Reporter

Exports dropped by 11 per cent in November, as compared to November 1982, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced yesterday. The month's total was \$401 million, as compared with \$451m. in November 1982.

The figures released by the bureau show that this month's drop in industrial exports was even larger than the average decrease in previous months, reaching some 14 per cent. Industrial exports totalled

\$282m. last month, compared with \$330 in November 1982.

The largest drop — of some \$70m. — in industrial exports was registered in sales of metal and electronics products. These included exports of military equipment.

Agricultural exports went down during November by some 4 per cent, despite a slight increase in non-citrus exports. This was caused by a large drop in citrus export from \$7.6 in November 1982 to \$5.1 last month.

ISAAC GLOWICZOWER

The funeral will take place tomorrow, Friday, December 9, 1983 at the Shikun Vatikim cemetery, Netanya. For details, please call 03-265626 or 03-260518.

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Memorial Service at the grave of

HONORINE (Honey) KRUMBEIN

will take place Friday morning December 9 at 9.30. Family and friends will meet at the entrance to Har Hamenuhot Cemetery at 9.15

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Communist no-confidence move fails

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

With the Alignment abstaining, the Knesset yesterday overwhelmingly defeated a Communist no-confidence motion regarding the agreements reached in Washington last week between President Ronald Reagan and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Presenting the motion, Meir Winer said that Israel had now officially become an American military base in order to prepare a military action by the two countries against Syria. He called for a policy of neutrality in foreign affairs.

Winer also denounced the bombing in Jerusalem. He said he had information to the effect that it was not the PLO that had done the deed, but followers of Abu Nidal.

opponents of the PLO. Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, replying for the government, said that Israel had no plan to attack Syria. But since Syria, with Soviet support, was apparently preparing for war against Israel, it was Israel's right to deter the aggressors. And the understanding with the U.S. was a way of achieving this.

The U.S. and Israel had common interests in the region and it would be strange if Israel did not exploit this in order to halt aggression and advance the cause of peace.

He said that Tuesday's bombing should teach the world that terror cannot be countenanced but must be destroyed. The world community should understand that it is its duty to strike back after every act of terror.

Haim Bar-Lev (Alignment) warned that Israel would one day be called upon to pay for the American aid. Israel had never asked any foreign body to fight for its vital interests, and by the same token it dare not become mercenaries for the U.S. He saw no benefit to Israel in conducting joint exercises or maneuvers with U.S. forces.

Both the Likud and the Communists propose extremist solutions, Bar-Lev said, solutions that would give one side all it wanted and the other side nothing.

The Alignment was against the establishment of an independent Palestinian state adjacent to Israel and equally opposed to the annexation of all Judea and Samaria. The only possible solution was a compromise, Bar-Lev said.

Exam supervisors fail Technion budget cuts

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Technion students can now "succeed without really trying" since the university's administration has discontinued employing supervisors to oversee their examinations as an economy measure.

The 6,000 undergraduates can cheat and copy almost at will, *The Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday.

The Technion spokeswoman confirmed the suspension of supervisors from the first of the month, "due to lack of funds as a result of the budget cuts."

She said the administration had proposed that students adopt the honour system for their exams, but the suggestion was rejected.

One student told *The Post* that the exams had in fact

become "a farce." A single lecturer was trying to oversee large classes which he was physically unable to do, and everybody copies from each other and from textbooks to their hearts' content.

Until now, classes were split up into smaller units for exams, with each group supervised by one to three overseers, who were part-time employees paid on an hourly basis.

The student thought the examinations in their new form were meaningless and might as well be abolished as they gave no indication of the students' actual knowledge of the subject.

The administration's comment was that honesty in exams "is a matter of education." The spokeswoman added that it was not known how the important end-of-semester examinations would be supervised.

Young leadership to discuss Jewish future

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Seventy-five Israelis — about half of them politicians and the rest doctors, lawyers, army officers and academics — will in a few days meet in an equal number of Diaspora Jews for a conference to "explore the Jewish future."

The three-day, First World Assembly of Young Jewish Leadership opens at the Dead Sea Moriah Hotel on Saturday night. The average age of the participants is about 40 years.

"We see the assembly as a counterbalance to the Caesarea Process," said Eliezer Sebeffer, chairman of the World Zionist Organization's department for young leadership and volunteering, which helped organize the assembly. The Caesarea Process refers to a re-evaluation of the Zionist movement by members of the WZO establishment who were included a few years ago in a five-day Caesarea hotel to discuss the issues. The sessions in the five-star hotel at the Dead Sea will be referred to, said Sebeffer at a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday, as the "Moriah Process."

Steering committees in Israel, the U.S., Canada, Europe, South Africa

and Australia selected the participants, seeking as wide a range of interests as possible, according to Uri Gordon, chairman of Young Aliya, who has worked for a year to prepare the conference. Young Jews in the Diaspora and their counterparts in Israel rarely have a forum in which to meet, he continued.

Among the topics to be discussed are partnership between Israel and the Diaspora, the right of Diaspora Jews to criticize Israel's policies, religious pluralism in Israel, aliyah, emigration and Soviet Jewish "dropouts," the functioning of the Jewish Agency and WZO and fundraising.

One evening session will be devoted to a discussion of political issues like Judea and Samaria settlement, but no resolutions will be passed on such controversial topics, said Gordon.

The organizers maintain that the participants will try to reach agreement on issues in which "the status quo must not continue." Although both religious and secular, left and right-wing ideologues will be at the conference, "the young people of varying views have more in common with each other than they do with the elders in their respective parties," said one organizer.

Gordon said that future young leadership conferences are sure to follow the first one.

The Diaspora participants are paying their own way, but the Israeli delegates are paying only \$10,000 apiece for the three-day event, with the WZO subsidizing the rest.

President Chaim Herzog will spend a whole day — next Tuesday — at the assembly before making his own address in the evening.

An English-language press release about the assembly said "the future direction of the Jewish world will be forged at the Dead Sea retreat."

Yad Vashem to honour six Europeans

Six persons who helped rescue Jews during World War II — four of them from Czechoslovakia and two from Hungary — will be honoured next week by Yad Vashem for their deeds, and names will be planted in their names on the Avenue of the Righteous among the Nations.

Radovan and Rosa Djonjic of Yugoslavia are currently visiting Israel, and will plant their tree themselves on Monday at 11 a.m. From December 1941 until October 1944, when the Red Army liberated the area, the couple adopted Daniel Semnitz, who now lives in Jerusalem, as one of their own children. Semnitz had fled from his home in Belgrade after his father was arrested and sent to a concentration camp.

Also now in Israel is Ema Markov, who together with her late husband Josef, helped members of the Kovacs family, from Liptovsky Mikulas, get papers to avoid deportation. Later, the couple fled the family in their home. The ceremony will take place next Thursday at 11 a.m.

At the same time, Dr. Erich Kolka and his son Dov will plant trees in honour of Václav Juran and Karel Frydl, two Czechs who provided a hiding place after the two Jews fled Auschwitz when the death camp was being evacuated in January 1945. The rescuers, who knew the Kolka family from before the war, also provided them with food ration coupons collected from other relatives.

JNF unable to bring Lebanon cedars here

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. — Efforts by the Jewish National Fund to bring saplings of Lebanese cedar trees to Israel following the opening of the border have failed.

Veteran foresters say the attempt failed because all Lebanese institutions dealing with that country's forests have fallen apart during the eight years of civil war.

However, Israel has managed to import some of the cedars from France, where they were taken by Lebanese emigrants. Between 10,000 and 15,000 of the trees have been planted in Upper Galilee.

English teachers meet

Post Education Correspondent

More than 200 English teachers are expected to meet this morning at the Kfar Hayarok school near Tel Aviv for the fifth annual ETAI (English Teachers' Association of Israel) winter conference. The conference will be devoted to "Testing and Evaluation."

Speakers will include Dr. Hans Shoham of Tel Aviv University and Ian Seaton of the British Council, both of whom are internationally recognized authorities on testing in foreign languages; Rafael Gefen, chief English inspector at the Education Ministry; and Dr. Joel Walters of Tel Aviv University, who will talk about testing slow learners.

New list of dental prices published

A new list of recommended prices for dental treatment is to go into effect on December 12, a Health Ministry official announced yesterday. The list will replace the one issued on June 30.

For each procedure, a recommended range of prices is given. Some dentists are expected to charge more than others, depending on where in the country they practice and on their experience. But patients are advised that there is no need to pay more than the maximum price indicated on the list.

Patients are also advised to determine the cost of each procedure beforehand, to prevent misunderstandings.

Each dentist is required by ministry regulations to display a copy of the price list in a conspicuous place in his clinic.

Some representative prices (including V.A.T.):

Checkup	IS200-270
Single X-ray	IS100-125
Full-mouth X-ray	IS1,850 maximum
Filling	IS200-1,700
Extraction	IS370-1,400
Root canal therapy	IS1,340-5,250

Boy killed while playing with Uzi

By LIORA MOEIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Assaf Abutbul, 11, of Moshav Talmei Elisha near here, was killed yesterday when an Uzi submachine gun with which he was playing discharged.

Police said that the Uzi had been given to Assaf's father by the moshav's security officer.

"We keep on telling people with firearms to store them out of reach of children, or at least to remove the magazine, but to no avail," a policeman said yesterday. "They never learn until it's too late."

Druse village 'adopts' nearby IDF unit

Special to the Jerusalem Post

HAIFA. — The Druse village of Daliat al-Carmel, oo Mount Carmel, has "adopted" a nearby Israel Defence Forces unit, the first time a Druse village has taken such a step.

In a ceremony held at the neighbouring military camp oo Tuesday night, the chairman of the local council, Sheikh Nawaf Halabi, said that Druse villagers intend to strengthen friendly relations between themselves and IDF soldiers, both Jews and Druse.

Afula hospital expanding its facilities with \$3.5m. injection

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AFULA. — The general hospital of the Kupat Holim Clalit here has been given a \$3.5 million injection to expand and improve its facilities at a time when most of the country's hospitals are suffering from acute financial shortages.

Five new departments have been opened recently and a medical services wing is under construction, medical director Dr. Joseph Faktor told reporters yesterday.

"Unlike many of the other hospitals, we are not only managing to keep our heads above water in terms of medication and maintenance, but the hospital itself

Tel Aviv police raid central bus station

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Amid shouting and protests, police and city inspectors yesterday cracked down on illegal pedlars in the central bus station, confiscating merchandise from dozens of stalls. They also detained some Arabs for questioning.

Scores of policeman and Border Police participated in yesterday's operation, which was intended to ensure security and order in the bus terminal.

The police and city inspectors began the operation by cleaning out illegal pedlars who were a security and health hazard, and obstructed

pedestrians and traffic, it was claimed. Pedlars without a licence were asked to leave, and inspectors dismantled their stalls and confiscated their merchandise.

Immediately after the police left, several vendors said the other pedlars would be back. "The pedlars make themselves scarce for a while but return later to make a living. All these stalls will be up again right where they were," one pedlar said.

Sgan-Nitzav Arye Amit, who commanded the operation, said that the "war of attrition" between the police and the illegal pedlars would eventually break the pedlars.

But one municipal inspector said:

"We can only do so much; we know they will come back. Only with the help of the police can we do anything efficient."

The mostly young Arabs apprehended in the terminal were taken to the station's police depot where identity cards and work permits were examined. They seemed tense and frightened. "These round-ups keep them on their toes," one policeman said.

Detectives also raided video clubs, cafes and alleys, rounding up known underworld figures.

"An action like this one will ensure peace and order here for at least a week," Amit said, summarizing the day's activities.



TEL AVIV police remove unlicensed produce stands from the city's central bus station area yesterday.

Bank clerk indicted for forgery, fraud

A Jerusalem bank clerk has been charged in district court with fraud and forgery of stock transfer documents running in the hundreds of thousands of shekels.

Moshe Shmueloff, 35, worked as head of the share investment department at Bank Hapoalim's Talpiot branch in the capital. According to the charge sheet, he forged eight orders for transfer shares from the accounts of three customers to his own, between March 25 and March 27 of this year. Several days later, he allegedly sold the shares and pocketed the money, IS332,964 in all.

He is being charged with forgery, use of forged documents and fraudulent receipt of goods in aggravated circumstances, which the state describes as including the state's interest in the systematic nature of the alleged crime, the amount of money involved and the breach of trust involved, both towards the bank and towards its customers. (Jlm)

Haifa maritime man held on fraud suspicion

HAIFA (Jlm). — A five-day remand order was issued in magistrates' court here yesterday against Zedek Eshel, secretary-general of the Israel Maritime League.

The prominent Haifan, active in Hagana veteran circles and editor of a book on the force's activities in the port city area, is being held on suspicion that he forged application forms for non-existent immigrants supposedly studying to become sailors, thus receiving money meant for such students from the Labor Ministry.

Eshel denied the allegations, saying they were fabricated by a worker who was fired.

MKs criticize banks' plans to increase service charges

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The State Control Committee decided yesterday to ask State Comptroller Yitzhak Tunkin to examine the effectiveness of the control exercised by the examiner of banks at the Bank of Israel on the commercial banks' charge for their services.

The commercial banks' plans to increase service and commission charges came under sharp attack from most MKs at the meeting.

Mr. Dan Tichon said the commercial banks' plans will lead to a customers' rebellion. Other MKs led that there is a large question mark over the extent of protection given to the public by the banks' examiner.

Israel Discount Bank senior executive, Eli Cohen said during the meeting that half of the total money in circulation does not pass through the banking system, and that this greatly limits the effectiveness of the monetary policy of the government.

Cohen added that the banks are making every possible effort to cut their costs. He asked the committee not to criticize the banking system since this would affect the public's attitude towards the cost-cutting plans.

Banks' Examiner Galia Maor said the central bank will insist that the commercial banks do not increase their profits at the public's expense, but through more efficient management.

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Tel Aviv Labour faction wants two acting mayors

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party faction in the municipality is demanding a rotation agreement with Herut for the post of acting mayor, under which Yigal Griffl (Herut) will serve as acting mayor for the first two-and-a-half years and Labour faction leader Dov Ben-Meir will serve for the remaining period.

Griffl and Ben-Meir were both to be appointed acting mayors in the municipal coalition agreement. But legal opinion requested by Mayor Shlomo Lahat and Ben-Meir determined that the law does not allow two acting mayors. Griffl is to

be appointed acting mayor in today's council meeting.

However, deputy Labour faction leader Nathan Wolloeh said that on the basis of the faction's legal adviser's opinion, the law does enable the existence of two acting mayors and the faction will negotiate for Ben-Meir also receiving the post.

Lahat, meanwhile, has removed Griffl from the faction leadership and appointed Arye Kremer. Lahat promised Herut faction members Haim Tasa, Eitao Sulami and Ben-Zion Yehuda, who refused to accept Griffl as faction head, that he would add Tasa to the municipal executive, thus increasing the number of Herut's members in the executive from two to three.

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Solidarity leaders ask peaceful protest Dec. 16

WARSAW. — The underground leadership of the outlawed Solidarity Labour federation has urged its backers to stage peaceful marches on December 16th, the 13th anniversary of a massacre of shipyard workers on the Baltic Coast.

"We shall march from our factories and demonstrate during parades and gatherings in city centres," said a statement handed to western reporters yesterday by Solidarity's fugitive four-man temporary coordinating commission.

It was the first underground call for demonstrations since August 1, when union backers marched in Warsaw, Gdansk, Krakow and other Polish cities to mark the third anniversary of the agreements which legitimized Solidarity, the first free trade union in the Soviet bloc.

Government spokesman Jerzy Urban announced on Tuesday that Solidarity leader and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Lech Walesa would be barred from giving a planned speech on December 16 at a Solidarity monument erected to the scores of shipyard workers slain in Gdansk and Gdynia 13 years ago.

Solidarity also commemorates December 16 as the second anniversary of a government assault on the Wujek colliery in Katowice, southern Poland, which was occupied by miners protesting the December 13, 1981, declaration of martial law which suspended the union.

Official reports say that seven miners were killed when tanks and security forces stormed the occupied mine, but Solidarity puts the death toll higher and says that government troops died as well.

One of four Solidarity advisers jailed since the military crackdown and charged with sedition has released an open letter to Urban rejecting a government offer to drop the charges if he agrees to leave the country for an unspecified period.

"I am against using the threat of imprisonment to blackmail people into emigration," said a letter bearing the name of Henryk Wujec, and handed to western correspondents.

Meanwhile, four Catholic priests are being investigated by the Communist authorities for alleged political offences, Urban said yesterday.

He said accusations had been sent to the public prosecutor in three cases and that investigations were continuing into possible charges against a Warsaw priest, Father Jerzy Popieluszko.

The three against whom charges are pending include Father Henryk Jankowski, religious adviser to Walesa, whose parish is in Gdansk. (AP, Reuters)

That familiar U.S. currency may soon look different

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. Treasury, fearing technological developments will soon make copying machines capable of counterfeiting money, is studying changes in the American currency.

American money has undergone no significant changes in over half a century, but the possibilities now under consideration apparently include more colours than the present uniform green, coded threads and "optical variables" that change shape when viewed from different angles.

Though officials are secretive about proposed alterations, they are open about the cause — a fear that sophisticated new photocopying machines could soon make counterfeiting much easier than it has been.

Officials who have studied the problem for several years fear that in the light of expected technological advances in copiers, office workers may soon be able to reproduce the money in their pockets.

Kidnappers free brother of Colombian president

BOGOTA (AP). — Kidnappers released Jaime Betancur, the brother of Colombia's president, yesterday, setting off a wild ringing of church bells throughout the country.

Betancur appeared to be in good shape after his 15-day ordeal.

He said he thought he was going to be killed.

"Honestly, I never thought that they would decide in the end to let me go," he told reporters.

The 53-year-old law school dean was kidnapped November 22 by people who later said in communiqués to newspapers that they were left-wing guerrillas.

President Fidel Castro of Cuba, appealing last week to the kidnappers to release Betancur, hinted that he thought the abductors were right-wing people trying to make leftist rebels look bad.

Protestant member of Ulster Assembly slain

BELFAST (AP). — The IRA shot to death a Protestant member of the Northern Ireland Assembly yesterday at the Belfast college where he was a law lecturer, police said.

Edgar Graham, 28, chairman of the assembly's Finance and Personnel Committee and an outspoken opponent of the Irish Republican Army, was hit at point-blank range and collapsed in a pool of blood outside Queen's University, a police spokesman said.

Press Association, Britain's domestic news agency, said the shooting involved two men, who escaped on a motorcycle.

The IRA sent a statement to Belfast news agencies claiming responsibility for the "execution," which brought the death toll in 14 years of Protestant-Roman Catholic violence to 2,338.

Soviet paper raps Iran on Gulf war

MOSCOW (Reuters). — The Soviet army newspaper *Krasnaya Zvezda* (Red Star), in a break with Moscow's traditional neutrality towards the Gulf war, yesterday accused Iran of blocking a settlement of the conflict.

Dissident Soviet priest jailed for six years

MOSCOW (AP). — A leading dissident priest was sentenced to six years in jail and four more years in internal exile following his conviction last week on charges of anti-Soviet activity, according to a newspaper reaching Moscow yesterday.

Rev. Sigitas Tamkevicius, 44, was given the sentence last Friday after his trial at the Lithuanian Supreme Court in Vilnius on charges of anti-Soviet agitation and spreading anti-Soviet propaganda, the December 3 edition of *Soviet Lithuania* said.

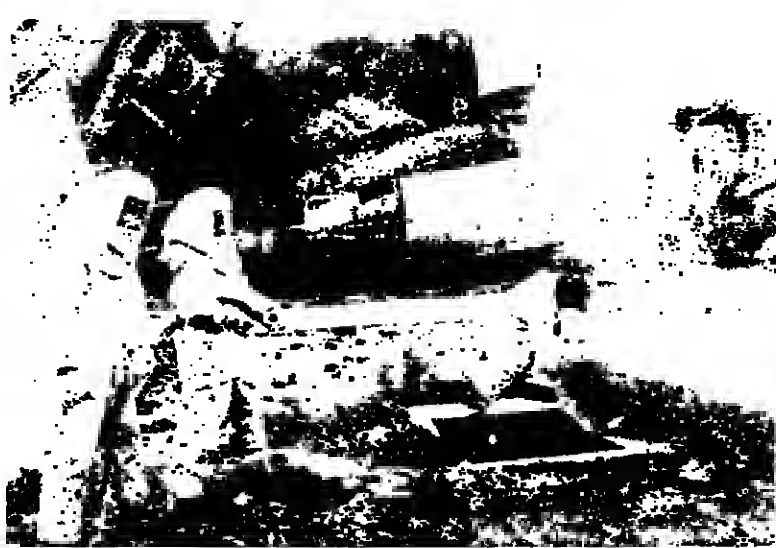
S. African black sentenced to die

WINDHOEK, Namibia (South West Africa) (Reuters). — A black former member of a South African-controlled military unit that has been accused of atrocities was sentenced to death on Tuesday for murdering a civilian.

It is the first time a member of the South African security forces has been sentenced to death for crimes committed in the war zone.

The Windhoek supreme court sentenced Jonas Paulus, 23, to be hanged for the murder of an elderly man in Owamboland, the northernmost province of Namibia and focus of the bush war between South African forces and guerrillas of the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO).

Paulus was a member of Koevoet, a special military unit made up mostly of blacks.



Fire fighters work near the tail section of the Iberia Air Lines Boeing 727 which crashed into another aircraft at Madrid airport yesterday, killing about 100 persons. (UPI)

Shuttle test refutes theory

HOUSTON (Reuters). — Results of an experiment conducted aboard the space shuttle Columbia have disproved a 74-year-old theory for which a Swedish scientist won a Nobel prize, according to scientists here.

Robert Barany won the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1914 for a theory that attempted to explain in part how the inner ear helps the body maintain its balance. A test widely used by doctors to check people's balance is named after him.

Dr. Uri von Baumgarten of Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, West Germany, told a news conference at the Johnson Space Centre here Tuesday that the same test performed on four astronauts in the space shuttle in the past week gave results exactly opposite to those predicted by the theory.

He said that, while the Barany test remains a valid diagnostic tool for doctors to evaluate a person's vestibular (balance) system, scientists must now come up with a new theory to explain why it works.

Von Baumgarten's announcement was among the first concrete scientific results to have emerged from the experimental work being done during the first flight of the European Space Agency's Spacelab research laboratory aboard Columbia.

Shultz, Gromyko may meet in Sweden

BONN (AP). — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz said yesterday that he thinks the allies will agree to hold a disarmament conference in Stockholm at the foreign ministers' level next month, creating an opportunity for him to meet with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

"Surely if we are both there, I will be more than ready to meet with Mr. Gromyko," Shultz told reporters here. He said he will do what he can "to make such a meeting possible."

Thirty-five nations are scheduled to attend the European disarmament conference, which opens in Stockholm on January 17. Shultz said he and West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher discussed the possibility of having foreign ministers attend the opening session.

Evren picks Ozal to form Turkey's first civilian gov't

ANKARA (AP). — President Kenan Evren yesterday named Turgut Ozal premier and asked him to form Turkey's first civilian government after more than three years of military rule.

The centre-right Motherland Party of Ozal, architect of Turkey's 1980 economic recovery programme, won a majority of 211 seats in the 400-member legislature, in November 6 general elections.

"Emerging from a one-hour meeting with Evren at the hilltop Cankaya Palace, Ozal told reporters he would try to form a cabinet as soon as possible.

214 prisoners executed, Iranian exiles charge

PARIS (AP). — An Iranian exile group claimed yesterday that the regime of the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini has executed at least 214 political prisoners during the last month.

25,000 watch flogging of rapist in Pakistan

KARACHI (Reuters). — A young man was flogged in northern Pakistan on Tuesday before a crowd of 25,000 people after an Islamic court convicted him of rape, the Pakistan Press International news agency reported yesterday.

The agency said the man, Raza Khan, received 10 lashes, after the court found him guilty of raping a 20-year-old woman three years ago.

UNICEF: Simple remedies cut children's death rate

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — An estimated 40,000 children in impoverished regions of the world are dying each day, but simple, low-cost remedies are gradually reducing that number, the UN Children's Fund reported yesterday.

Diarrhea remains the biggest child killer, taking five million young lives a year, but could be widely prevented with a simple solution of salt and sugar costing \$0.10 per use, according to UNICEF's 1984 *State of the World's Children Report*.

Of the 15 million children who died last year from diarrheal-induced dehydration, malnutrition and illness, nearly half could have been saved, reported UNICEF executive director James Grant. That 1983 infant mortality rate equals the entire population under five years of age in the U.S. or the combined under-five populations of Britain, France, Italy, Spain and West Germany, he said.

That figure is 2,000 fewer deaths per day than the year before, and UNICEF pointed to four basic measures of prevention that are making inroads in the developing world: Salt-and-sugar packets; reintroduction of breastfeeding; ex-

New Soviet missiles to match Pershings

ZURICH (AP). — A Soviet general was quoted yesterday as saying the new Soviet operational-tactical weapons to be stationed in East Germany and Czechoslovakia will match the Pershing 2 and cruise missiles in flying time and firepower and will be targeted at all five countries which have agreed to deploy them under NATO plans.

Maj. Gen. Yuri Victorovich Lebedev also was quoted as saying that the present arsenal of the Soviet Union's 360 medium-range SS-20 missiles will be increased "to correspond exactly with the number of the newly deployed missiles of the United States and its partners."

In an interview with a special correspondent of the independent Zurich newspaper *Tages-Anzeiger*, Lebedev said the U.S.-Soviet negotiations on limiting and reducing strategic intercontinental missiles and bombers, dubbed START in the West, "continue normally."

He also was quoted as saying that the Soviet Union was ready to begin negotiations on the reduction of about 120 SS-20s stationed east of the Urals "if the countries concerned show the willingness."

Lebedev for some time was a member of the Soviet delegation in the medium-range missile talks, which were broken off by the Soviets November 23.

Drought-stricken nations get no aid

DACCA, Bangladesh (AP). — Response to appeals for food aid to the drought-stricken countries of the sub-Saharan Africa have been "totally negative," a spokesman for an organization of Moslem countries said yesterday.

Habib Chatty, secretary-general of the Islamic Conference Organization, singled out the United Arab Emirates for allegedly not living up to its commitment.

"Extremely serious drought conditions have returned again in the Sahel region over the past two years," Chatty told a special committee at the 14th Islamic foreign ministers conference.

"The drought conditions now are even more serious than during the dramatic events of 1973-74," he said.

'Dirty Dozen' director Robert Aldrich dies

LOS ANGELES (Reuters). — Among his major films were *The Dirty Dozen*, *The Flight of the Phoenix* and *Kiss Me Deadly*, which was hailed by critics as introducing a new realism in American films.

He worked with such actors as James Stewart, Lee Marvin and Burt Lancaster, and revived the careers of Joan Crawford and Bette Davis in the thriller, *What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?*

Cedar Sinai Hospital officials said Aldrich had been ill for several months and had recently undergone surgery.

Guard charged in British gold robbery

LONDON (AP). — Two days after thieves escaped with three tons of gold from an airport warehouse, a security guard was charged on Tuesday with being an "inside" man and other persons were being held at a London police station for questioning over Britain's biggest-ever robbery.

But Scotland Yard made no statement on the whereabouts of the 6,800 bars of bullion worth £25 million (\$36.1m.) and the other valuables stolen by six armed men from the Brinks-MAT security warehouse on November 26.

A Scotland Yard press officer said Anthony Black, 31, a Brinks-MAT security guard, was charged with "being concerned with others in robbing Brinks-MAT Ltd. of gold, platinum, diamonds and travellers' cheques valued at £26,369,777, the property of Brinks-MAT Ltd."

He added later that other persons were being questioned about the robbery but had not been charged.

Black appeared briefly in Feltham Magistrates Court in London and was ordered held without bail for three days for questioning.

Scotland Yard would not say when or where Black was arrested.

China may advance Hongkong takeover

PEKING (Reuters). — China said yesterday it might take back Hongkong before 1997 if turmoil broke out in the aggressively capitalist British colony.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Qi Huaiyuan was speaking to reporters as Chinese and British officials held a fresh round of talks in Peking on the future of the territory.

China has said it will regain sovereignty over Hongkong in less than 14 years when a British lease, signed under a 19th-century treaty which Peking disowns, expires.

But Qi told a questioner at his weekly news briefing: "If there is some turmoil in Hongkong, we could consider changing our timetable over recovery of sovereignty."

Regular Sino-British talks over Hongkong resumed after a three-week break.

Sports

Confident but cautious

By DON GOULD
Post Basketball Reporter

Maccabi Tel Aviv left for high yesterday, full of confidence and in peak condition for their opening European Cup match tonight against Cantu.

The Maccabi squad had an opportunity recently to view on videotape one of Cantu's Italian League games, and they were neither impressed nor depressed by the performance of the European champions. Cantu have already lost three League games, the last to Milano on Monday.

Captain Lou Silver commented: "It appears that they miss Wallace Bryant at centre. His replacement, Craft, has not yet adjusted. Thus far, they are a long way from repeating last year's form."

But the cautious Silver added that Maccabi cannot afford to be overconfident. He pointed out that Cantu's super-guards, Riva and Mazzaroli, have the experience and the ability to cause any team "trouble" while former NBA'er Jim Brewcan rebound with the best in Europe.

Furthermore, Maccabi themselves are going through a period of readjustment — and they will be playing on Cantu's home court.

The match will start at 8.30 p.m. and will be broadcast on Israel Radio.

In other European Cup action, Bayern Munich lost to Naples and Limoges stopped Antibes.

In European Cup-Ulammers' Cup games, the group matches Saturn Cologne beat Side Southern 74-61 and Pardubice Czechoslovakia beat Seefeldt Falkenberg 104-102.

Mission impossible

Post Sports Staff

Israel will have to achieve a mission impossible, if they are to repeat in 1986 their 1970 attainment — reaching the World Cup Soccer finals in Mexico. To go again Mexico they must not only win Oceania group in which they have been so incongruously placed, they would then have to play in a semi-final group against three strong European runners-up in the groups. The top two of this group will go through to the finals.

Aussies slammed

MELBOURNE (Reuters). — The Grand Slam status of the \$12 million Australian Open Tennis Championship came under fire again yesterday — this time from Wimbledon champion John McEnroe.

The fiery American playing in his first Australian Open said the championship was not the same class as Wimbledon or French and U.S. Opens.

He said: "The courts are poor in my opinion, the facilities are poor and the crowds have been poor. You can't pretend it's a major event. If all those things are wrong, shouldn't be called a Grand Slam event."

Top-seeded Ivan Lendl said would not be so hasty in agreeing to play the Australian Open next year.

"If I came back, it would be the last minute and I would probably play with a wild card," said Lendl.

Martina Navratilova recovered from an overnight one-set deficit beat Britain's hope Jo Durie 4-6, 3-6 yesterday to reach the semi-finals of the Open.

Durie served several double faults at crucial moments and afterwards: "The wind seemed to swirl around. If you miss your first serve it's difficult to get your second serve in. It was tough but it was the same for both of us."

Quarter-finals results: Mats Wilander, 1, John McEnroe, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6. John McEnroe (U.S.) beat Wally Masur (Australia) 6-2, 6-1, 6-2, 1. Lendl, 1, Czechoslovakia's best, Tomas S. (Czechoslovakia) 7-6, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2. Tim McEnroe (U.S.) beat Eliot Teltscher (U.S.) 6-4, 6-2, 7-6. Zina Garrison (U.S.) beat Wendy Turnbull (Australia) 6-2, 7-6.

SPORTOTO GUID

By PAUL KOHN

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Beter TA vs R. Amich	1	1	1
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Netanya vs Macc. Jaffa	1	1	1
Lod vs Beter J'm	1	1	1
Macc. Haifa vs Hap. TA	1	1	1
Yotam vs Bnei Yehuda	1	1	1
Hap. J'm vs Hap. Haifa	1	1	1
Holon vs Beter Haifa	1	1	1
Hap. PT vs Ashdod	1	1	1
Beter Ramat vs Rishon	1	1	1
Hap. RG vs Marmorek	1	1	1

Superman at 19

MUNICH (Reuters). — At only 19, the squash champion Jahangir Khan of Pakistan already reached summits of sporting success. A few other athletes have ever equalled Jahangir on Saturday, beat Chris Dittmer of Australia 3-0, 9-0 yesterday to take his third world World Open title.

SOCCER

Everton beat West Ham 2-0 in extra time in a Milk Cup replay yesterday. In a UEFA Cup match Lokomotiv Leipzig beat Sturm Graz 1-0, but Sturm Graz won 2-1 on aggregate.

Give a helping hand

The elderly of Israel feel the economic strain more than most. The services that care for them are beset by budgetary cuts, a worrying situation with winter approaching. The Jerusalem Post Forsake Me Not Fund maintains and enlarges these services.

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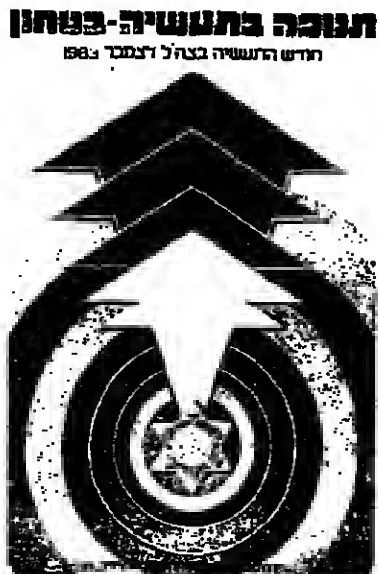
Industrial awareness month declared

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A country's security depends as much on its industrial production in the rear as it does on its fighting units at the front. This was stated yesterday by Tat Aluf Yossie Eldar, the IDF's chief education officer, in explaining why the army, together with the Manufacturers Association, had declared December "industrial awareness month."

During the current month some 30 study days will be held for non-commissioned and commissioned officers to discuss the finding of jobs in industry and another 120 study days will be held for enlisted men. In addition, Galiel Zahal will broadcast a series of programmes, and the army magazine, *Be'nahane* will carry feature articles concerned with industry.

Eldar pointed out that "industry does not necessarily mean the military industries. It means the entire range of industrial production, for in a western technological company, each plant contributes to an integrated whole."



A placard issued to mark December's industrial month.

Avi Polesoff, of the Presidium of the Manufacturers Association, added that "all too many people, including soldiers, have a distorted understanding of industry. They still think it means back-breaking work,

long hours and unsanitary conditions. But today, the worker is generally highly skilled, and uses his brains just as much as his hands."

Polesoff said "industrial production is the backbone of Israel's economic future. It is only through industry that this country can become economically independent, and stave off the fear of massive unemployment."

The IDF, some years ago, set up a special section to deal with soldiers who wanted to find work in industry after their discharge. After they finished their compulsory military stint, they could sign on for periods of up to two years, spending the overwhelming part of that time in on-the-job training in factories.

So far, some 600 soldiers have taken advantage of this programme, and "of these 450 are working in industry today."

This, of course, did not include the many thousands who had been trained in the army from their induction fields which prepared them for working in industry after their discharge, Polesoff said.

Industrial parks 'endangered by crippling tax law'

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Unless the present law on paying taxes during inflationary times is amended, there is a great likelihood that nearly all work on the country's high-technology industrial parks will grind to a halt, Shlomo Grofman, director-general of Africa-Israel Investments, which runs the Kiryat Weizmann Industrial Park, said recently.

He was speaking to Professor Arie Lavie, chief scientist at the Ministry of Industry and Trade, and to Rafael Benvenisti, head of the Investment Authority.

Grofman pointed out that the erosion of capital under the law is so high that "it makes future investments in industrial parks unprofitable." This would have a particularly disastrous effect on Israel's renewed export drive, much of which is concentrated in high-technology goods.

Roy Hattersley tells 'The Jerusalem Post'

Where Britain went wrong

By DAVID KRIVINE
Post Economic Correspondent

"MOST OF BRITAIN'S economic maladies derive from wrong policies," says Roy Hattersley. "One of the Tories' mistakes — and Israel is making the same mistake, if you will forgive my impertinence — is the removal of all controls on foreign currency. The result is that imports are sucked in."

The deputy leader of Britain's Labour Party was talking to no after dinner interview on Tuesday, his last night of a three-day visit to Israel.

"Our industry has been so badly damaged by the present administration that the only place the British people can buy what they want is abroad," he said. Hence the yawning trade deficit in the non-oil sector.

Queried about the socialists' shortcomings when in office, he responded by taking the Tories to task: "Everything is relative," he pointed out.

But unemployment rose to 1.5m. under James Callaghan's administration, is that not a dismal record? Hattersley ducked the question: "Unemployment has risen by 2m. since our time. All the economic indicators were better then than they are now, except one — inflation."

"Output was higher, industrial investment was higher, and taxation was lower. During the five years of Conservative rule, industrial activity has failed to catch up, while the public is paying £18b. more in taxes."

But inflation is reduced?

"Thatcher's government has held down public expenditure and limited the money supply, thus depressing the economy to the point of slump, in faithful compliance with the precepts of Milton Friedman. As a result, inflation dropped from a peak of 22 per cent to 5 per cent."

"That is an achievement. It's the one thing monetarism can do, and there is no cause for surprise. When production is brought to a standstill, prices fall."

What about the balance of payments?

"As concerns manufacturing output, Britain's balance of trade has been in deficit since Queen Victoria's Jubilee. We make up for it through the export of services. The overall balance of payments has been in surplus since 1970." (Labour fell in 1979.)

"The surplus has continued under the Tories; but the figures now conceal an underlying fiasco. The new leadership has the advantage of oil



Roy Hattersley pictured in Jerusalem this week.

revenues which no previous government enjoyed. Without those petroleum exports, Britain's foreign trade would be in the dumps; the country would be almost bankrupt."

WHAT REMEDIES would Labour apply if in power?

"We would re-invigorate the economy. We would stimulate industrial investment and step up government investment in the public sector. That would swell demand, admittedly. But greater demand would foster greater output."

"Our second change would be to spread this additional national income more evenly over the community. The poor have become poorer today, partly because of unemployment, partly because of drops in the social wage — school meals and the like. We want to re-establish the welfare state."

As for the Social Democrats, many of whose leaders are former Labourites, Hattersley said the difference between the two parties is that "they possess no philosophy, no long-term social strategy. Labour is a democratic socialist party and behind it stands a whole body of ideology. We want to create a more egalitarian society, that is the bedrock of socialism."

Would Labour consider forming a coalition cabinet?

"Under no circumstances," he declared bluntly. "We would never go for a Labour-Liberal-SDP coalition. What I say is not startling, because that situation won't come about. The Social Democrats have faded from the scene in the last three months; they are no longer a valid third party. They have dropped to below 20 per cent in the public opinion polls."

"The two-party system has not

been superseded in our parliament. The SDP-Liberal alliance have half-a-dozen MPs between them and that number will drop. But even if it doesn't, I wouldn't consider the idea of coalition politics."

Has the election of Neil Kinnock as party chairman been a turning point?

"Certainly. The party is united as it has not been for the last three or four years. Kinnock won the leadership by an overwhelming majority; he can pioneer changes. He has new ideas to offer on many issues and the party is likely to accept them, because he is so popular. He has improved our image, our policies and our performance."

What about the Common Market?

"I'm in favour of it. I have been for 25 years, since before the Treaty of Rome. Labour accepts that we shall stay in the EEC. We shall fight the Euro-parliament elections next year on the manifesto that Britain, to remain in Europe. That decision was taken by Kinnock, and he must get the credit for it."

Being allowed one last question, mentioned the printers' strike and the clashes that have taken place between the police. The union is challenging new legislation that forbids secondary picketing (picketing supporters who are not employed in the strike-ridden workplace). What is his reaction to that?

"I have always been against violence in industrial relations. As laws should be changed, broken. I don't know whether law have been broken in the current dispute. It's for the courts to decide. But he does not believe there is a big principle at stake in this confrontation. "The whole thing will blow over in two or three weeks time."

Orgad hears plan to up industrial exports

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A plan to boost industrial exports was presented yesterday to Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Oragad by Elisha Shahmoon and Rami Guit, chairman and managing director respectively of the Export Institute.

The plan calls for two methods of helping exporters. Under the first, the exporter who increased his exports by 15 to 30 per cent would get a grant of between eight and 12 per cent of the added value of the additional exports.

Under the second scheme, an exporter who undertook to double his exports within three years, would

receive a loan of \$0.35 for each dollar of added value he earned. If he failed to actually double his exports within the specified time, he would have to repay the loan. If, however, he did accomplish his target, the loan would become a grant.

The Export Institute plan also calls for extensive government aid for exporters to promote their goods abroad.

In another field, the institute suggests that any governmental purchase abroad of basic commodities, such as meat, sugar, rice, fuel or coal, should be made conditional on the exporting country buying Israeli products of similar value.

Firm aims to help non-Israelis buy homes

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The sale of flats and houses to non-Israelis can be stepped up considerably — if the right sales approach is used.

This is stated by Akiva Buchberg, who recently set up a company called "The Akido Group" for this specific purpose.

"My experience has shown that many foreigners are interested in buying a 'home' in Israel, but they just don't know how to go about it. They don't know which contractor to approach, they don't know the rules of the game here, and after

looking around for a few weeks while on vacation, they simply leave disappointed."

To put non-Israelis "in the Israeli picture" the group is putting out a monthly 16-page newspaper containing "everything you wanted to know about buying a home in Israel but didn't know who to ask."

The first edition, due out this month, will contain features on such subjects as living in Israel, information for newcomers and financial problems. Some 20,000 copies will be distributed in the U.S. and Canada, and another 20,000 in France.

As OPEC conference opens in Geneva

Saudi Arabia to freeze oil prices for two years

GENEVA (AP). — Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani yesterday reaffirmed that his country, OPEC's leading producer, would freeze prices at \$29 a barrel until the end of 1985, as the world oil cartel opened a price and production conference here.

Yamani, citing the need to be "realistic," spoke to reporters just before the 13 oil ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries began a review of price and production strategies amid sluggish markets and a worldwide oil glut.

"We expect this meeting to confirm that all prices will stay frozen until the end of 1985, at the very least," Yamani said. "We have to be

realistic and therefore the same constraints should apply to overall OPEC production."

"We will stick to this irrespective of what others might want to do," Yamani added.

The conference at Geneva's Intercontinental Hotel is expected to last three to four days but without producing any surprise price or production hikes. As usual, police took security precautions, posting armed officers around the hotel, checking entering guests with airport-style metal detectors and posting plain clothes officers in its plush lobby.

The 13 oil ministers met to consider recommendations of their market monitoring committee for

maintaining the benchmark price of \$29 set last March, and a production ceiling of 17.5 million barrels a day of combined output, its lowest in 14 years.

The recommendation is in line with the approach long advocated by Yamani, who has been urging a price freeze in the hope that the budding industrial recovery in the west would eventually boost demand.

Describing the world oil market now as "soft," Yamani added, however, that he expected demand to begin picking up next year as the economic recovery progresses. Although he was optimistic about increased economic activity in the

second half of 1984, he said a cut in the price of Britain's North Sea oil "would be serious."

Iran, meanwhile, reaffirmed it would seek a \$5 rise in OPEC's benchmark price, to \$34, presumably to help finance its three-year-old war with fellow OPEC member Iraq.

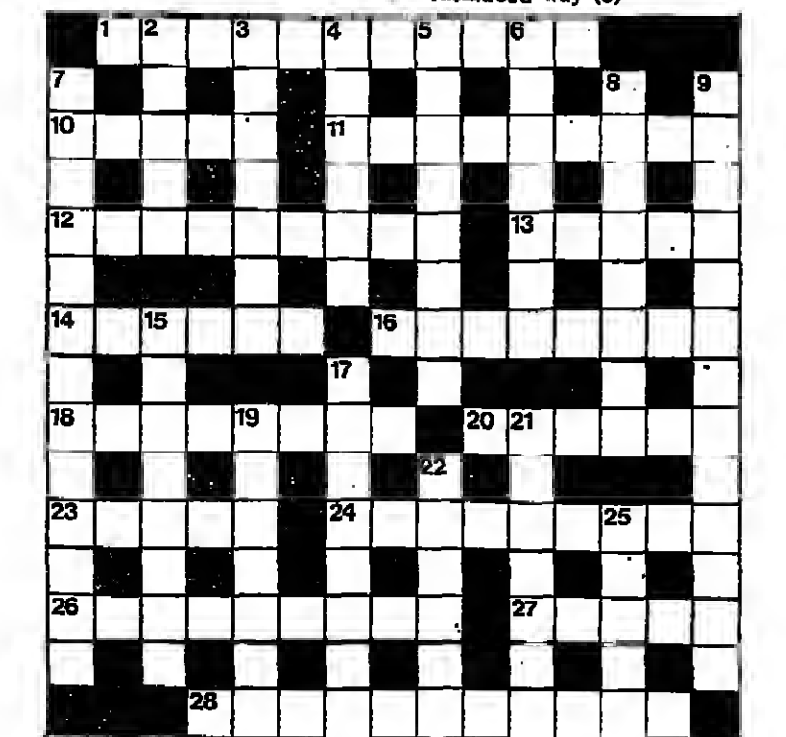
Iranian Oil Minister Mohammad Gharazi told reporters that Saudi Arabia should cut its oil production if necessary to maintain the higher price.

"We came here to seek a \$5 increase," Gharazi said. "Don't forget that we did not undersign the March agreement on the prices and the production quotas."



ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Takes a hand when it comes to a fight (6, 5)
 - 10 A sort of guru or seer (5)
 - 11 Apparently he admits he's unable to improve, poor beggar (9)
 - 12 Frolicsome as a young scratch player (9)
 - 13 Girl ecstasied in wrath (5)
 - 14 Cloth protection for sleepy little brethren (6)
 - 16 How budding snooker players are raised in the nursery? (3-5)
 - 18 Goes on one leg, saving money perhaps (8)
 - 20 Unable to get on in old Kwangchow (6)
 - 23 & 24 Concoction of Granny Smith and a Broote (5, 9)
 - 26 Bunyan's progressive dream hero (9)
 - 27 Edges round a point in France (5)
 - 28 See 19.
- DOWN**
- 2 Should add could be tough (5)
 - 3 Raise one pound somehow for a citizen of a modern state (7)
 - 4 Ploy that's some game with a little piece (6)
 - 5 Feed about one (8)
 - 6 Cover a way of living around the East (7)
 - 7 Support an opoloos with a wage (4, 4, 5)
 - 8 Succeeded in getting an open-air living? (5, 5)
 - 9 It's folly to speak (5, 8)
 - 15 No amateur at knotting ropes to whom Ariel was bound to be grateful (8)
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Israelis must 'dress smart' to win U.S. markets

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israeli businessmen are only now beginning to discover the "heart of America" and how to do business the American way.

This is stated by Alon Redlich, 24, who is studying marketing at the University of Chicago, and who is also employed by the Business Development Department of the America-Israel Chamber of Commerce, in Chicago.

Redlich, who was born in Tel Aviv, plans to return home in two years to open up an export business, aimed mainly at the American market.

The "heart of America," he points out, is the Midwest. "It has 70 million persons, it is highly industrialized, and it is an enormous market. But all too many Israeli exporters still think that America begins and ends in New York. This is far from true. There are many regional Americas, and the Midwest is one of the most important."

Those Israeli businessmen who have discovered the Midwest have also discovered something else:

"You have to come prepared — not only with names of potential customers in hand, but also with extensive background information on these customers. You must package your product to American tastes; and you must market it properly. It's just not enough to come with a good product."

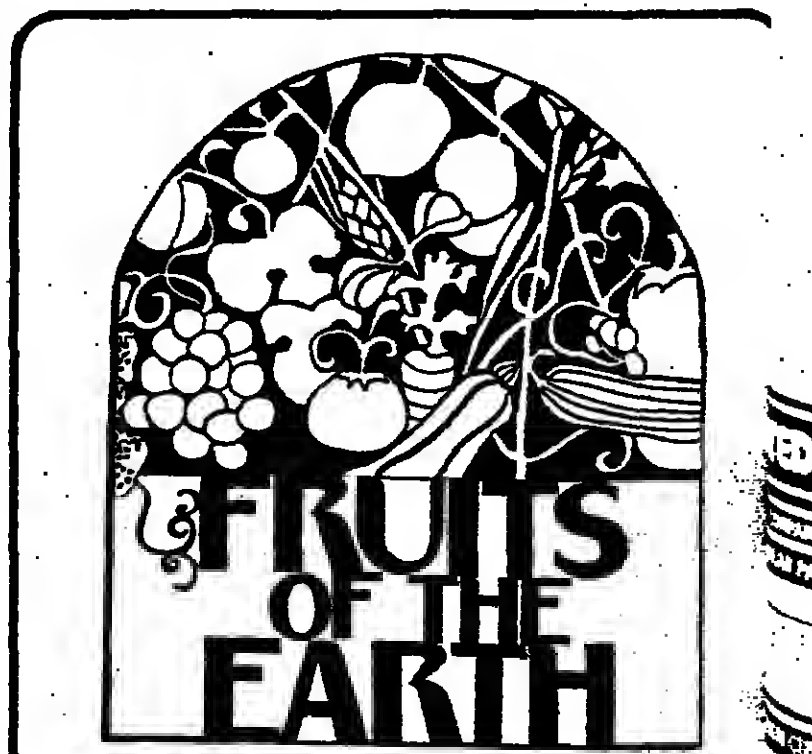
Of the few hundred Israelis who do business each year in the greater Chicago area, Redlich notes that "about one-third know the rules of the game."

These rules include dressing smartly, "wearing shoes and socks, and

not open sandals, wearing a necktie with a jacket, and not a short sleeved open shirt, and so on."

Redlich notes that "more and more Israelis" are learning that America-Israel Chamber of Commerce can help the tremendously — "if we are given sufficient time to do our homework properly."

The chamber, he says, can carry out (months before the Israeli's initial market research, find potential customers, fix business appointments, collect literature and so on.



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Money Matters

Industrials lead the way up

TEL AVIV. — In the aftermath of two sessions of indifferent trading, a bullish trend developed yesterday and prices of shares moved up sharply, with nearly all sectors participating in the rising trend.

The General Share Index, composed of 30 shares, closed at 1,671.1, up 1.67 percent from the previous day's close of 1,644.1. The index was led by a rise in the price of shares of the industrial sector.

Only groups to show a negative reading were those of the commercial bank issues which are part of the agreement with the Treasury, the results were not surprising, as this particular group has been acting independently of other groups, and mostly in a divergent pattern from the rest of the market.

The shares of the big three were all lower, with Leumi being the worst loser with a drop of 1.5 percent.

Volatile action clearly favoured trading shares, as those advancing sharply outpaced major losers by a margin of nearly four-to-one.

Fifteen securities were established as "buyers only" while only five were posted as "sellers only". There were 74 other issues which picked up gains in excess of one percent while those falling by more than one percent were 17.

There was a small advance in trading turnover, as the totals for shares and convertibles was just under \$550 million. Some \$162.5m. was traded in the non-banking sector.

Index-linked bonds continued to advance and prices tended to advance in most groups with gains of 0.3 to 3 percent being recorded.

Bank shares out part of the Treasury agreement, performed poorly. The 0.1 Maritime Bank of Israel shares were "buyers only" while the 0.5 shares were 9.9 percent.

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Portrait of a woman, likely related to the article.

Dekel: Port strikes must be arbitrated

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN, Post Knesset Reporter

Deputy Agriculture Minister Michael Dekel said yesterday that compulsory arbitration of labour disputes to vital services appeared to be the only solution to wildcat strikes or sanctions such as the port workers sabotaging the export of produce to Europe.

He was replying in the Knesset to questions for the agenda by Meir Ben-Avidon (Likud), Eliezer Avri (National Religious Party), Yehonatan Koz (Alignment), and

Hanan Porat (Tehiya). "We to the farmer who saw the fruit of their toil destroyed. And we to all of us that such a thing can happen here!" Dekel said.

Israel's reputation in Europe as an exporter of farm produce, that had been built up over years, could be ruined in a week, Dekel said.

The port workers were oblivious to this, and they were "holding the farmers as hostages."

Dekel called on the Histadrut to help in the solution of the problem. The government had no means of

fighting such strikes and sanctions. Compulsory arbitration was not a perfect solution — even court might be ignored — but it might help change the present norm that anything goes in labour relations.

He said that the sanctions had already cost \$10 million. But the real test would come in two weeks' time when citrus would be ready for export. For, unlike the present perishables, citrus was too heavy to be flown.

The motions were referred to the Finance Committee.

perishable fruits and vegetables. The growers cornered the minister in one of the building's corridors to convey the extent of the damage they are incurring. Cohen-Orgad replied that he is aware of the growers' grievances and will make every effort to solve them. Only after moshav movement members intervened did the minister agree to a formal meeting.

The delegation also met Histadrut Secretary-General Yehonatan Meshel and urged him to convene the labour federation's central committee to discuss the port strike.

A statement by the moshav movement condemned the workers for disobeying the court order but the farmers' representatives rejected suggestions that they defy the stevedores and load produce themselves. The exporters' contract for haulage is with the Ports Authority, they declared, and it alone must be held responsible to the growers.

Interviewed on Kol Yisrael, Industry and Trade Ministry Director-General Yehoshua Forer said that persons who harm exports, like those who harm state security, should be put in jail. He also noted that industrial exports are being harmed by the slowdown as well, and the import of vital raw materials for other industries has been disrupted.

Compiled from reports by Ya'acov Friedler, Avi Temkin, Macabee Dean and Tim.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU

cent gainers, FIBI was up four percent while the shares of the First International Bank were up 1 percent.

"Mortgage bank issues moved downward. Binyan Mortgage was set up yesterday for a possible major price drop as its shares were fixed as "sellers only" for the second consecutive session. The Binyan shares, less than a week ago, were relegated to "computerized trading." The previously noted irregularities in the price movements of Binyan shares are reportedly under the scrutiny of the Securities Authority. Moreover, The Jerusalem Post has learned from reliable sources that investor law suits, in connection with trading in Binyan shares, are peeding.

Over a period of less than one month we have noted single session price movements in these shares in the order of 70 percent, once downwards and the other time upwards. Since the shares have not now traded for two consecutive sessions as "sellers only" the stage has been set for another major price gyrations.

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Commercial Banks

Bank	Price	Volume	Change	% Change
IDB	1110	—	+75	—
IDB P	3605	1171	-15	-4
IDB B	3660	13	n.c.	—
Dan P	2555	140	+40	+1.6
IDB op 11	2708	227	-12	-4
Discount Br	4710	38	-30	-6
Discount A	4635	69	n.c.	—
Discount B	4630	4	+50	+1.4
Discount B on	550	n.c.	—	—
Mizrahi	1490	1532	n.c.	—
Mizrahi B	1490	7	n.c.	—
Mizrahi op 11	2580	55	+30	+1.2
Mizrahi op 12	983	444	n.c.	—
Mizrahi on 6	1700	n.c.	—	—
Mizrahi on 4	681	n.c.	—	—
Maritime 0.1	235	n.c.	—	—
Maritime 0.5	150	1847	+13	+9.9
Hapoalim P	3182	2	+32	+1.0
Hapoalim B	2448	4655	-12	-5
Hapoalim op 13	2448	290	-7	-3
Hapoalim on 6	4640	497	n.c.	—
Hapoalim on 6	9070	4	-400	-4.2
General A	6290	77	n.c.	—
General op 6	32000	1	-1000	-3.0
General op 13	1630	n.c.	—	—
General op 9	5900	5	n.c.	—
General on 5	4795	n.c.	—	—
General on 7	299	264	-6	-2.0
Leumi 0.1	1559	5787	-23	-1.5
Leumi op 13	2010	2055	n.c.	—
Leumi on 13	2120	30	n.c.	—
Leumi on 11	650	440	+10	+1.7
DHRI	1140	—	—	—
Finance Trade 1	2130	—	—	—
Finance Trade 5	1115	—	—	—
Gen. Mortgage	1356	46	n.c.	—
N. American	2872	72	n.c.	—
N. American 1	1788	72	n.c.	—
N. Am. op 1	1030	83	n.c.	—
Danot 5	376	28	-40	-9.6
Danot 2	109	977	n.c.	—
Danot 3	380	230	+2	+7
First Int'l	304	400	+3	+1.0
FIBI	285	613	+11	+4.0

Land, Real Estate, Citrus

Bank	Price	Volume	Change	% Change
Dren	159	138	-6	-3.6
Oren op 1	222	20	+19	+9.4
Azornim Prop.	171	108	+15	+9.9
Azornim P	145	768	+13	+9.9
Azornim op D	205	62	+10	+5.1
Azornim op E	81	208	+12.5	+15.4
Eilon	47	110	-1	-2.1
Eilon op	31	n.c.	—	—
Amnonim 1	240	115	+22	+10.1
Amnonim op	80	107	-12	-15.2
Africa Isr. 0.1	1875	16	-10	-5
Africa Isr. 1.0	1092	16	n.c.	—
Africa op 2	3850	—	-10	-3
Azarnim	101	25	+8.6	+8.6
Azarnim op	66	n.c.	—	—
Azarnim op 1	338	79	+8.2	+8.2
Arledon 0.5	140	91	+2	+1.5
Ben Yakar 1	231	23	+21	+10.0
Ben Yakar op	105	30	+5	+5.0
Baranowitz 1	96	376	+2	+2.9
Baranowitz op	43	250	+2	+4.9
Dankner 1	100	106	n.c.	—
Drucker 1	224	137	+2.2	+2.2
Drucker op	99	133	+4.2	+4.2
Drucker op 1	44	143	+2	+4.8
Darad 0.1	215	20	+7.4	+7.4
Darad op 2	150	30	+2.9	+2.9
HLB 0.1	336	89	-10	-3.9
HLB 0.5	114	130	n.c.	—
Property Bldg	1715	32	-10	-6
Bayadot 0.1	1159	6	+30.5	+30.5
Bayadot 0.5	950	11	n.c.	—
Bayadot op 1	1200	12	+100	+9.1
ILDC	976	107	+1	+1.1
ILDC op 1	119	150	+6	+6.6
ICP 0.5	174	250	+1	+1.4
ICP op 1	34	305	+1	+3.0
ICP op 0.1	81	106	n.c.	—
ICP op 0.5	249	36	+10	+7.0
ICP op 1	245	126	+3	+1.2
Cohen Dev.	124	35	+1	+1.8
Cohen Dev. op	70	5	-1	-1.4
Lumir 1	124	137	+2	+2.2
Lumir 5	48	336	-3	-5.9
Lumir op 1	34	111	+1	+3.0
Alde, Res.	70	349	-1	-1.4
Alde, Res. op 1	47	442	+1	+2.2
M.T.M. 1	101	102	-10	-10.0
M.T.M. op 1	104	50	-55	-53.0
M.T.M. op 1	822	26	+3	+4
Mehadri 0.1	3034	31	n.c.	—
Mehadri 0.5	137	30	+13	+13.0
Mehadri 1	137	30	+13	+13.0
Mehadri 5	302	93	+26	+9.4
Mehadri op 1	105	133	+10	+10.5
Mehadri op 0.5	140	108	n.c.	—
Mehadri op 1	104	193	+4	+4.0
Levinstein 1	46	254	n.c.	—
Levinstein 5	39	44	+4	+11.4
Lifschitz 1	150	76	+9	+6.4
Lifschitz 5	92	617	+2	+2.2
Lifschitz op 1	70	273	+5	+7.7
Neot Aviv	5050	5	n.c.	—
Hadar Prop.	320	282	+20	+6.7
Solei Bon. P	315	2	+1	+2
Sahar 1	246	—	—	—
Sahar 5	246	—	—	—
Sahar op 1	140	—	—	—
Sahar op 5	760	17	+30	+4.1
Chasaf 0.1	104	98	+7	+6.3
Chasaf 0.5	165	30	n.c.	—
Rogovin 1	118	46	103	+10.3
Rogovin 5	30	36	n.c.	—
Rasco P	210	10	+10	+5.0
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99	133	+4	+4.2	Wardiron op	180	60	—	—	Afik 5	4314	5	-21	+5
44	143	—	—	Zirkh 10	567	b.o.t	+27	+5.0	Afik op	3800	2	n.c.	—
215	140	+2	+4.8	Zirkh 50	567	b.o.t	+4	+5.4	Centr Trade	508	77	+11	-1.9
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				Sanalakol op	171	27	—	-6	Inv. Paz r	1099	12	+69	+6.7

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Calculated risk

ARE THE REPORTS from abroad all wrong in suggesting that the U.S. and Israel have reached an understanding on the need to exert not only political but also military pressure on Syria to withdraw its troops from Lebanon?

Locally, responsible officials persist in denying, or at least in leaving the impression that they are denying, the existence of any such understanding on military pressure. Certainly, it is said, no "secret pact" to oust the Syrians forcibly from Lebanon was concluded between Premier Yitzhak Shamir and President Ronald Reagan during their White House meetings last week. In the Knesset yesterday Mr. Shamir, wrapping up the debate on his Washington visit, reiterated that this country had no intention whatever of making war on Syria.

Similar disclaimers of warlike intent have been made in Washington. Secretary of State George Shultz presented Sunday's aerial raid by U.S. navy planes on Syrian targets in the Shouf as an isolated incident that could be repeated if necessary but that did not, for all that, foreshadow an escalation of the conflict. America's aim, he confirmed, was still to remove all foreign armies, including Syria's, from Lebanon, but there was no plan to enforce this purpose by war.

Unofficially, however, the point was being made in the U.S. capital that the bombing of the Syrian positions was a warning to Damascus that it was facing what the *New York Times* described as "the threat of increasing U.S. and Israeli military pressure if it continues to refuse to withdraw its forces from Lebanon." This, moreover, the report said, reflected the sense of a decision reached by the [U.S.] National Security Council a month ago.

If this is indeed the case it might be advisable for Israeli leaders to make it crystal-clear, and in public, that this country, while determined to act in self-defence against the terrorists and the Syrians, has had enough of warring in Lebanon, and will not be a party to any attempt at a military solution of the Lebanese problem.

This does not mean that Israel should not be ready to lend a helping hand to President Amin Jemayel in ridding his land of the Syrian military presence. On the contrary, there are signs indicating that Israel is in fact ready to pull its own troops from areas in the south so as to enable the central Lebanese government to take over and extend its control, which at the moment is confined to one-tenth of the country — thus mounting a more credible challenge to the Syrians to get out of the Bekaa.

There is an element of calculated risk in any such Israeli move, for the Lebanese have yet to prove their capacity to assert their authority effectively, and to prevent the infiltration of terrorists who might pose a renewed danger to Israel's north. But the prospect of the Shi'a population in southern Lebanon cooperating with their own government to such purpose must be rather greater than their collaboration with the occupying Israelis.

The withdrawal currently being contemplated by the Defence Ministry will be partial, and it will leave the IDF in possession of strategically important locations — pending the pullback of the Syrians. But by helping the Lebanese, even to this partial extent, to put the political heat on the Syrians, Israel will presumably be helping itself.

Whether such political pressure will be sufficient to achieve its aim without some further Israeli concessions, is a matter for conjecture. But the attempt will be worth making, and it will surely be preferable to another ordeal-by-battle in Lebanon.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS SLOWLY, a man's body began to rise from the coffin at a garbage dump near Winsford, England. Watching in horror on the dark October night, Dorcen Power fainted. She had to be given oxygen by ambulance workers who rushed her to a nearby hospital.

Not very funny, ruled a judge at Winsford magistrates court, sentencing William Davies, an unemployed 18-year-old, to a £50 fine and a year's probation.

Davies had planned an elaborate practical joke on a friend, his lawyer said at his trial. He didn't realize Mrs. Power and her husband had arrived to drop off some garbage.

"He says he is very sorry and hopes never to see the inside of a coffin for many years to come," said the attorney.

PS A 27-YEAR-OLD former go-go dancer is to become Belfast's youngest ever female high sheriff.

Belfast councilwoman Pauline Whitney's nomination to the city's second-highest ceremonial post has yet to be approved by Northern Ireland Secretary James Prior, but a spokesman said "that is really a matter of courtesy."

Mrs. Whitney, who gave up go-go dancing shortly before joining the Rev. Ian Paisley's hardline Protestant Democratic Unionist Party, was elected to the council in December 1981.

The high sheriff post is second in seniority to the ceremonial post of lord mayor.

PS IN MARCH, 1973, eight Black September terrorists killed two

American diplomats and one Belgian diplomat in the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Khartoum. The terrorists had first demanded ransom. When it was refused, according to *The New York Times*, they cabled Yasser Arafat for further instructions.

Arafat sent them a coded message: Nahar el-Bared — the Cold River — authorizing the murder.

The terrorists were eventually tried, but later turned over to the PLO. It is interesting to note that today Nahar el-Bared is the name of one of the Palestinian refugee camps near Tripoli, scene of the PLO's "civil war." (A.Z.)

PS SOROKA Hospital in Beersheva is the central medical institution in the Negev, but until recently, those who came to visit sick relatives there had no place to get even a cup of coffee.

Now, however, the 60 volunteers who make up the Yael team, bringing books and sweets to the patients, as well as a ready smile, have set up a coffee shop on the ground floor. Two volunteers run the little cubicle every day. The prices are reasonable and the service is courteous.

Recently, these ever-young women have bought a monitor for the maternity ward and they are now saving up for some hearing aids for the ear, nose and throat department. Fifty pensioners, including some men, have joined the Yael team this year. L.M.

JEWISH FUND-RAISERS and lay leaders in the Diaspora, especially in America, have been feeling very good lately over the successful ousting of Raphael Kotlowitz from the chairmanship of the Aliya Department of the Jewish Agency.

As an unprecedented last resort, Kotlowitz even turned to the Tel Aviv District Court for an injunction order to prevent the agency board of governors from hiring a replacement, but to little avail.

Under the determined, dynamic leadership of new board chairman Jerrold Hoffberger, the fund-raisers finally exercised their right of veto regarding agency department chairmanships, stood up to Menachem Begin's pressure to keep his fellow-Herutnik in office and cleverly outmaneuvered Kotlowitz with secret ballot and extraordinary board meetings that eventually pried him loose from the Aliya Department.

These unheard-of demonstrations of Diaspora independence and muscle resulted in agonized newspaper ads in Israel by Herut-Hazohar stalwarts crying for the "protection of democratic procedures in the Jewish Agency," and against "foreign fund-raisers dictating policy to Israelis."

The World Zionist Organization (WZO) politicians are in shock after enjoying five decades of de facto control over Jewish Agency departments and \$400 million sent each year by the well-meaning fund-raisers and lay leadership.

Now, with the change of chairmen in the board of governors, the previous policy of compromising, paternalistic acceptance of the spoils system, in which the WZO feeds upon Diaspora charity, has now been replaced by a core of

HOW DOES ONE secure a medal, laudatory headlines and public commendation in Israel?

The answer is simple: witness a crime in progress, warn the perpetrator to halt, chase him, fire a warning shot over his head with a licensed weapon if circumstances warrant, apprehend the criminal and turn him over to the authorities.

It is one of the supreme ironies of Israeli society today that when a Jewish settler in Judea or Samaria follows that same scenario, he is subject to arrest along with the individual apprehended, and his firearm is often seized.

We entered Joseph's Tomb in Shechem (Nablus) not as a protest or demonstration. Our activities were motivated by a far more profound problem, which cannot be solved by a brief public outcry of this kind. What is involved is a struggle that goes straight to the heart of Zionism — the Jewish people's right to be sovereign and secure in their land.

The vicious, cowardly attack on Yosef Stern from Har Bracha at the market in Shechem was not the catalyst which triggered the current struggle, but rather the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back.

READERS' LETTERS

ARIEL SHARON

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, — The plea made for political unity in Israel and among American Jews in the letter of Ilse Sternberger from San Francisco and published in *The Jerusalem Post* of November 25, under the heading "Sharon In California" is a specious one. The writer apparently finds desirable only that unity which is based on the principles and prejudices that appeal to her. I fail to see how the organizing of mass picketing with the participation of avowed enemies of Israel against Minister Ariel Sharon can have unity as its alleged goal.

Permit me to clarify some of the issues and point out some of the inconsistencies in her letter. General Ariel Sharon has, through great ability and heroism, made enormous contributions to the security of the Jewish people and the State of Israel. His Sholimzion party won two seats in the nationwide 1977 Knesset elections. Ariel Sharon deserves much of the credit for the fact that the evacuation of Yamit in order to comply with the terms of the peace accord with Egypt was accomplished without bloodshed, and without doing violence to the unity of the Jewish people. Mr. Sharon was chosen to be Minister of Defence by the

Depoliticizing the Agency

By ELIEZER D. JAFFE

new, action-oriented leaders epitomized by Hoffberger. These new leaders will never again settle for taxation without representation; nor are they as bewildered by the Israeli political system as their predecessors, or troubled by guilt feelings for not themselves having immigrated to this country.

THE METAMORPHOSIS, ironically, seems to a large degree from lay leadership involvement in Project Renewal, which is an eyeball-to-eyeball personalization of philanthropy that enabled a crucial handful of fund-raisers to learn about Israeli society and politics.

The earlier ego-trips which consisted of back-slapping, picture-taking, and luncheons with top government officials have been supplemented (since Renewal) with visits to slum neighborhoods, serious wheeling-and-dealing with local mayors and Project Renewal steering committees. Hopefully, too, prodding by concerned, independent Israelis also helped to educate young Jewish leaders about the need to reform the Jewish Agency and use philanthropic funds more wisely.

Still another factor in the awakening of fund-raisers to their new partnership with Israel was the ability to look critically at aspects of Israeli political and economic policies since the Yom Kippur War. Eventually some of this habit spilled over into thinking more critically about philanthropic relationships. Some of this rethinking has led to the blossoming of personal private philanthropy for Israeli organizations, the establishment of new private foundations, decreasing UJA contributions, a reshuffling of Diaspora leadership, and occasionally, to aliyah.

The success of Project Renewal and the involvement it demanded have also led to somewhat less reliance by lay leaders on their paid professional staff. In many instances, lay leadership has proven to be more astute and much less conservative than the federation professionals.

DESPITE the progress that has undoubtedly been made with regard to American and Diaspora involvement concerning governance and accountability at the Jewish Agency, I almost wished that Kotlowitz had won his court case —

Enforcing the law

By YEDIDYA ATLAS

That Stern, thank God, was not killed, does not detract even a iota from the fact that murder was the intention of the attacker — the same motive which prompts stone-throwing against Jewish cars in these areas. These episodes highlight a serious problem with which the government has yet to grapple seriously.

The struggle is not a political one. It is not whether this or that settlement should be established here or there. It is rather a question of principle.

Are loyal Jewish citizens to be preyed upon freely by those who diametrically oppose the State of Israel? Is Israel a nation of law and order or not? Are the laws of the land to be applied selectively due to political expediency? Is the legal framework of the state to be mocked derisively by lawbreakers who do not recognize those laws

and rules? And ultimately is not the government through its security forces responsible for the safety and well-being of its own citizens? Is there no contradiction in sending troops to rescue Jews in Entebbe while abdicating the field in Samaria?

Were Judea and Samaria (indeed the "Wild West Bank") the media often portrays them, the Jewish residents would have no recourse but direct self-defence. Vigilante groups would be second nature, as would an impromptu judicial system based on "rough justice." But that is not the case, and Jewish settlers have no intention or desire to replace the duly appointed security forces, change the law of the land or ignore the authority of the state.

WHAT WE DO SEEK is quite simple: justice. We demand that existing laws be applied objectively,

if only because of the motivation this would have injected into the leadership to press for more significant and urgent change.

The danger of winning a skirmish and losing the battle for control over the Agency is still very real. And there are worrisome signs that Diaspora leaders are willing to settle for less than they deserve or can obtain.

For example, the fund-raisers have apparently acquiesced in the WZO demand, backed up by tradition, that all agency department heads must be nominees from Israeli political parties, they only ask for "the best politicians available."

But in accepting the principle of political appointees, the result is continued politicization of the Agency and the perpetuation of Israeli party fiefdoms over charitable funds raised abroad.

Exclusivity to political nominees eliminates a host of excellent non-party Israelis who could be candidates for top Agency jobs if only they were allowed to compete in the open market place.

It is incomprehensible that so much hard work should have been put into ousting Kotlowitz, only to lead to a meek reaffirmation of the principle of political appointees, rather than the demand for the best candidate available — in or outside the Israeli politics.

This aberration results in a situation where a person like Jay Shapiro, one of the most competent aliyah emissaries ever sent to North America, can never be a candidate for chairman of the aliyah department, because he is politically unfiliated.

not turned off and on according to political expediency. The state must be responsible for our safety; we want recognition of our inalienable right as citizens to demand its protective blanket.

We in Joseph's Tomb have no quarrel with the IDF. On the contrary, we have full faith and confidence that the army has both the capability and tools to carry out what is necessary for an orderly society here and is able to accomplish far, far more. Our argument is not with the army, in whose ranks we proudly serve, but with the government which determines policy.

Month after month, in meeting after meeting with ministers and other officials, we get more and more empty assurances and pleas for a little more patience. We are reminded that there are laws governing this nation, and admonished not to take the law into our own hands.

Yet someone took the law into his own hands when he savagely attacked Yosef Stern with an axe last month, someone apparently not privy to our ongoing meetings. The settlers do not wish to take

BEYOND all else, the anger that erupted in the new Diaspora leadership today is to avoid compromising the charitable funds of tens of thousands of persons who contribute generously to the UJA and Keren Hayesod, by agreeing to the politicization of the Agency that receives these funds. Such an acceptance is irresponsible, and the work of the caretakers of worldwide Jewish philanthropy for Israel, and especially of the new leadership abroad.

If the Jewish Agency can be salvaged as a conduit for effective philanthropy, there should be no room for WZO political representatives on the Board of Governors. Employees at all levels should be selected by public tender — and this should hold true for Keren Hayesod, Keren Kayemet and all other charity-funded operations.

To these ends, the "Casare Project" is a dead-end street, since the WZO partners in the "project" have no intention whatsoever of relinquishing political power over Diaspora philanthropy.

The fund-raisers and lay leader should understand this, and save very precious time by setting up their own independent task force to re-examine the Jewish Agency and determine their own master plan for reform.

And if the Israeli political establishment balks, the fund-raiser can pick up their marbles and look for more amenable partners and efficient ways of spending their money in Israel.

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the law into their own hands — despite misperceptions to the contrary. We only want the laws of this state, of which we are constantly being reminded, to be enforced uniformly throughout the land of Israel. The government should implement government policy, instead of issuing more declarations explaining why this implementation is not forthcoming.

This struggle for public safety for Yosef Stern, his family, or wives and children — is for nothing more complex than to make it government until the hands of official security forces on the spot allow them to do the job they a there for. They must enforce it law without political consideration. It's as simple as that — and it collective patience of Jewish citizens in Judea and Samaria growing precariously thin.

We don't want medals of citizenship. We just don't want to throw in jail along with the savagely for doing the job the IL should be doing.

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WHO'S A JEW

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, — I protest against efforts to amend the Law of Return. These efforts violate basic principles of Judaism and threaten worldwide Jewish support of Israel. Current attempts to amend the Law of Return are an affront to world Jewry and an act of utter irresponsibility. They represent an attempt by a small minority to impose its religious standards on Jews everywhere.

If proposed changes are made, innumerable converts to Judaism will be excluded. Those who actively choose to be Jewish have a far greater commitment to our religion than many who are born Jewish. During the Holocaust, six million were murdered for not being "pure Aryans." Now, a small minority wishes to discriminate against individuals who are not "pure Jews."

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ATA'S DIFFICULTIES

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, — In all the reports about the financial difficulties of Ata, nobody has seen fit to mention that Lord Sieff, of Marks and Spencer, took the management of Ata some time ago that, if they did not change their ways, he would have to cancel their contract. The management obviously ignored Lord Sieff, to their cost, as well as to the cost of the hapless, hard-pressed Israeli taxpayer.

How often does the government have to bail out business concerns due to inefficient and incompetent management? It is time those at the top realized that, if they make a mess of things, they will have to get themselves out of it with no outside help.

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